

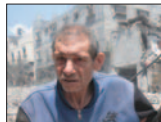
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Pictured in April at their home in Nashua, N.H., are Ryan Pitts, Army Pitts, and 1-year-old son Lucas.  
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## Poland is requesting more help from NATO

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

WARSAW, Poland — Conversations about the value of military alliances here often lead to the same subject — the German invasion of 1939, when France and Britain were bound by treaties to aid Poland but, in the Polish view, hesitated be-

**‘If these plans are updated and confirmed by the allies upfront, it means that we’ve already overcome one of the barriers to quickly have a consensus and react.’**

Gen. Stanislaw Koziej  
head of Poland’s National Security Bureau

fore mounting serious offensives.

The lesson gleaned by Poland, a country so often at the mercy of the stronger, hungrier powers around it, was that treaties are mere paper promises backed up with troops and military hardware on its territory, the kind of physical ties that ensure outside support in case of attack.

Now, as the September NATO summit in Wales approaches and tensions in Ukraine remain high, the country will put forward its best case yet for achieving such long-pursued goals.

Officials here say they will ask for updated military planning for the eastern flank of the alliance, new response mechanisms to cut down on lengthy consensus-building in the event of conflict and, most importantly, the movement of NATO and U.S. infrastructure and bases onto Polish, Romanian and Baltic territory.

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# ‘A collective effort’

Medal of Honor recipient wants son to know about outpost attack

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

**Y**ears from now, his son will want to know.

Perhaps the question will arise after a grade school friend repeats something a parent said. Or maybe young Lucas Pitts will see the medal and wonder what it’s for.

If former Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts decides the boy, who’s now just a year old, is ready to hear the story, he’ll sit him down and tell about one bloody morning in eastern Afghanistan. That day, July 13, 2008, hundreds

of Taliban fighters launched a dawn attack on outnumbered U.S. soldiers and Afghan government troops on an isolated outpost in Kunar province.

Nine Americans died fighting off the attack, and 27 more were wounded. Pitts, meanwhile, fought his way into an exclusive fraternity of U.S. troops awarded the nation’s top honor for combat valor.

Pitts, 28, of Nashua, N.H., receives the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on Monday in a White House ceremony.

But in the story the former paratrooper plans to tell his son, he’s not the action hero whose daring deeds elevated him above the

men he fought alongside.

“Do I think I did something beyond what they did?” he said in an interview with Stars and Stripes. “There were guys who didn’t stop fighting until their last breath. There’s nothing you can do that goes beyond that.”

Instead of a story about himself,

Pitts will recount to his son the names and actions of his comrades in arms, dead and alive. Their collective heroism and sacrifice resulted in his survival, he said.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Kids are making these choices when they're so young, with no idea of how it can impact their future."**

— Capt. Corey Hill, who leads a team of Army recruiters, on seeing promising candidates for the military rejected because of tattoos

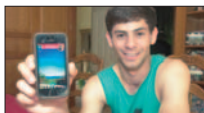
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# MIDEAST

## Effort: Recipient says Medal of Honor 'is ours, not mine'

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"When the time comes to tell him about that day ... I'm going to make sure he knows I'm alive and he's here because of what a lot of other men did," Pitts said.

The attack came just as the dawn was breaking. Silence was followed by a roaring wave of machine gun and RPG fire that smashed against Vehicle Patrol Base Kahler and a nearby observation post called Topside, manned by Pitts and eight other soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Two men were killed immediately, and the other seven, including Pitts, were injured. Despite serious shrapnel wounds, Pitts kept fighting as the men around him fell one by one. Realizing Taliban insurgents were just outside the perimeter after a thrown grenade killed a soldier, Pitts began "cooking" grenades — allowing timers to tick down — before throwing them into a concealed area nearby. Then, with grenades running low, he grabbed a machine gun and began spraying fire over the tops of sandbags at insurgents he couldn't see.

Struggling with wounds to his legs and left arm, he stayed in radio contact with his commander at the larger base as well. When he was the only soldier left at the OP still able to fight, and had been told there were no reinforcements available, he attacked insurgents concealed just beyond the perimeter by firing grenades almost vertically, dropping them down into a draw where attackers were taking cover.

The Taliban never overran the observation post. Reinforcements arrived, attack helicopters showed up, and a weakened Pitts was finally medevaced to safety nearly two hours after the fire-fight began.

Pitts said he remembers flashes of anger at the attackers and moments of horror when buddies fell, but mostly, the firefight went by in a blur.

But there are mental images of brave comrades he said will stay with him as long as he lives — like Cpl. Jason Bogar tightening a tourniquet as the air filled with bullets and grenades.

"After I was wounded, I remember crawling to the southern fighting position and looking up



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**Sgt. Ryan Pitts holds a bracelet he wears to commemorate the late Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Kahler. It is taped over another bracelet honoring the fallen of 1st Platoon, Chosen Company, who were killed in an ambush Nov. 9, 2007. Commemorated on the second bracelet are Capt. Matthew Ferrara, Spc. Joseph Lancour, Cpl. Lester Roque, Cpl. Sean Langevin and Sgt. Jeffrey Mersman. The bracelet prevented shrapnel from penetrating Pitts' wrist.**



**Sgt. Israel Garcia and Sgt. Ryan Pitts patrol in summer 2007 near the village of Rechalam, Afghanistan, which is west of Forward Operating Base Blesing.**

and seeing Bogar returning fire to the southwest," Pitts said. "He stopped to treat me ... and if he was scared, I never saw it in his face. He was calm, and quickly treated us and then went back to fighting."

As Pitts joined the defense, he remembers a young machine gunner who — like storied heroes from earlier wars — refused to leave his gun in the face of almost certain death.

"Cpl. Jonathan Ayers took a round to the helmet, and then

continued to man the machine gun ... and I'm sure after that he knew there was a good chance they might kill him," Pitts said.

Both Bogar and Ayers soon were killed by Taliban fire. So were 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom and Cpl. Jason Hovator, who sprinted nearly 100 meters from the main base early in the battle, and fell soon afterward defending the observation post.

"Nobody told them to come — they came because they knew we needed it and wanted to reinforce

the OP," Pitts said. "So they ran right past enemy positions, and it's probably a miracle they even made it to us."

Later, after Pitts discovered he was alone and began launching grenades straight into the air, four more soldiers — Sgt. Israel Garcia, Spc. Michael Denton, Staff Sgt. Sean Samaroo and Spc. Jacob Sones — volunteered to reinforce the position. Soon another volley of RPG fire devastated the OP, killing Garcia.

"He died trying to save me," Pitts said.

Denton was in bad shape, but that didn't stop him.

"He was hit in his legs and his hands ... and the bone was sticking out of his hand," Pitts said. "He was right-hand dominant, but I remember looking up and his right hand was all mangled, so he switched arms so he could return fire and pull security."

Pitts reeled off dozens of names of soldiers who died, were wounded, or walked away unscathed — all of whom he said contributed to an ultimate victory that day, costly though it may have been.

"There were so many, countless names I haven't gotten to — guys who I know were doing valorous things," he said, noting the dozens of valor medals resulted from the battle. "I don't even know who some of them are. It was everywhere that day."

Pitts was medically discharged in 2009 after six years of service, and today lives with his wife, Amy, and son, Lucas, in Nashua, where he works in business development for Oracle Corp. He still deals with the effects of wounds, but said they're so insignificant compared with those of many other veterans that he doesn't want to discuss them.

More significant to him is the lingering pain he feels daily when he thinks of the brothers he lost in battle. It's a bittersweet pain he said he treasures, and he'll be feeling it when Obama places the Medal of Honor around his neck Monday.

"This is ours, not mine," he said. "It belongs to them and their loved ones just as much as it belongs to me. Those guys saved my life and a lot of other people's lives that day. For me, it's an individual award for a collective effort."

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## MILITARY

# 'BUREAUCRATIC INEPTNESS'

## Long delays to award Medals of Honor to troops draws criticism

By DAN LAMOTHE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When President Barack Obama drapes the Medal of Honor around the neck of Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts on Monday, it will symbolize all of the heroism and sacrifice that occurred in a ferocious battle in Afghanistan. But it will represent something else, too: a dramatic rise in the amount of time it takes for troops to be honored with the nation's highest award for combat valor.

Pitts, of Nashua, N.H., will receive the award six years and eight days after holding off an enemy assault on his platoon's hillside observation post in Afghanistan's Nuristan province. He did so even though he was wounded badly enough that a fellow soldier had to put a tourniquet on his leg to control the bleeding, Army officials say.

The amount of time between his actions and his ceremony at the White House will be the second longest for any servicemember awarded the Medal of Honor for actions after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. It is surpassed only by Army Sgt. Kyle White, who received the medal May 13, more than 6½ years after he braved enemy fire numerous times in a Nov. 7, 2007, battle in Nuristan after he was briefly knocked unconscious by a rocket-propelled grenade blast.

Obama has awarded the Medal of Honor twice as often as his predecessor for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Still, the prolonged approval process has drawn fire on Capitol Hill, in the military and from experts who track military awards and see a broken system.

"That is bureaucratic ineptness, is all that is," said Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who served in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Marine. "It's probably armchair generals who are afraid of their own shadows that just don't want to do the right thing. It shouldn't take six years. In fact, I think it's a travesty when these guys don't get their awards when they're still on active duty."

Before President George W. Bush left office early in 2009, he awarded five Medals of Honor for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, all posthumously to

recipients who died from injuries sustained while earning the award. Bush took criticism in the military for not once decorating a living servicemember with the Medal of Honor, but the medals he did award came relatively quickly — about two years each, or 736 days on average.

Pitts will be the 11th post-9/11 servicemember to receive the Medal of Honor from Obama. Nine of the awards have gone to living recipients, but those cases have taken an average of nearly four years — 1,443 days — to conclude. The president also has awarded two posthumous awards, which took about three years each.

Combined, Bush and Obama have issued the award to 11 soldiers, three Marines and two sailors, both of whom were posthumous recipients and Navy SEALs. The living recipients include seven soldiers and two Marines.

The discrepancy in the number of Medals of Honor bestowed by Bush and Obama is probably a function of U.S. military commanders gradually warming up to the idea that their troops may deserve the award as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have progressed, said Doug Sterner, an Army veteran and military historian who is widely recognized for his tracking of military awards.

"In World War II, the top commanders were in World War I. They understood the process and they knew heroism when they saw it," Sterner said. "The same goes for the top commanders in Vietnam, who served in Korea. The top commanders in Iraq didn't have that."

At the same time, the awards process simply takes a lot longer now than it did previously. Sterner cited the awards that President Bill Clinton gave posthumously on May 23, 1994, to Army Master Sgt. Gary Gordon and Army Sgt. 1st Class Randall Shughart as one example.

The two men were killed Oct. 3, 1993, in Somalia while defending a Black Hawk helicopter and the injured pilot inside, then-Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Durant. Gordon and Shughart received the Medal of Honor less than eight months after their heroic actions. Durant was taken prisoner, but released 11 days later.

A White House spokesperson referred questions for this story to the military, saying it was a Defense Department issue.

Pentagon officials said it can be difficult to gather the "incontestable proof" needed for the Medal of

Honor.

That's especially the case, they said, when there are few witnesses or when the potential recipient and others present have been evacuated from the battlefield after sustaining severe wounds.

Pitts' actions came in a controversial and bloody battle that killed nine U.S. troops and wounded 27 others. The classification of documents associated with the Battle of Wanat increased the difficulty of assessing his actions and required special handling of his award documentation, Army officials said in a written response to questions.

White's case also was complicated by the need for more information and inquiries, the Army said, without elaborating.

The Marine Corps, which has faced scrutiny for awarding just three Medals of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan, is confident that its policies for awarding heroes are fair and consistent, including on prestigious awards such as the Medal of Honor, said Lee Freund, head of the service's awards branch.

Army officials are still smarting from the way the Medal of Honor case for Capt. William Swenson was botched. The infantry officer received the award Oct. 15, 2013, for braving enemy fire repeatedly in eastern Afghanistan's Ganjial Valley on Sept. 8, 2009, to put a fellow soldier who had sustained a gunshot from a kill zone, and then search for four servicemembers who had been killed.

Swenson received the Medal of Honor more than four years after the battle — and only after his digital nomination packet went missing in Afghanistan. He was first recommended for the award by a battalion commander in December 2009, but it was subsequently recommended to be downgraded by Army Gen. David Petraeus, according to the findings of a Defense Department inspector general investigation. The package never received additional processing.

Swenson's case was submitted for review again in July 2011, as the military prepared to award a Medal of Honor to another servicemember in the battle, Marine Sgt. Dakota Meyer. Swenson refused to accept his award until the Army investigated what happened, and he received a public apology from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel last year.

The mistakes led to Army Secretary John McHugh implement a new policy in which the Army's awards branch must follow up with a soldier's chain of command every 30 days after he has been recommended for the Medal of Honor.

Hagel, an infantryman who served in Vietnam, also called for a full joint review of the military's awards process in March, saying in a letter to senior officers that he wants to make



sure the military "adequately recognizes all levels of combat valor." The inquiry also will determine how best to recognize drone operators, cyber-warfare personnel and others who affect events on the battlefield.

The review, which did not begin until last month, will assess lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure servicemembers are adequately awarded for their actions, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, a Pentagon spokesman. It is expected to take about a year.

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## EUROPE



BRENDAN STEPHENS/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Paratroopers from the U.S., Canadian and Polish armies prepare for an airborne training exercise May 19 at a training area near Drawsko-Pomorskie, Poland. Poland is trying to convince allies to establish permanent bases on the alliance's eastern flank.

## Poland: Warsaw seeks US military presence to counter potential Russian threat

### FROM FRONT PAGE

With stiff opposition already coming from larger members of the alliance, Poland's ideas will test whether NATO can satisfy the concerns of its smaller, less-influential members in the east.

"What's at issue here is the perception of threats," said Judy Dempsey, an analyst at Carnegie Europe. "And there is no common threat to all NATO members."

Since throwing off its communist regime in 1989, Poland has viewed NATO membership and the alliance's Article 5 guarantee, which promises support for an attack on any member, as the most important external pillar of its security.

It has been an active member since joining the military alliance in 1999, implementing a series of defense reforms, funding its military at close to NATO-recommended levels of 2 percent of gross domestic product, and participating in NATO missions in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

"The Poles have worked hard," Dempsey said. "They've worked the hardest, actually."

But Poland continues to lack the influence of larger countries, and especially the "Quad" — the U.S., Britain, France and Germany — within the 28-nation grouping. Its campaigns for leadership positions on the political and military sides of the alliance have been unsuccessful.

Poland's constant reservations about Russia and its focus on territorial defenses were viewed at the time by most NATO members as alarmist and a throw-back to the Cold War. Where Poland and the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania saw a former oppressor that retained imperialist aspirations, most other NATO states saw a potential partner.

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks further encouraged NATO's

move away from territorial defense of Europe and toward cooperation with outside states. Missions in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and Libya took the alliance farther afield and spoke little to the concerns of its eastern flank. Jerzy Maria Nowak, Poland's NATO ambassador from 2002 to 2007, recalled that suggestions of Russia posing a threat were quickly dismissed.

"At that time it was politically incorrect to say it," he said. "And when I say it, I feel like I am making a faux pas in polite company."

Russia's war with Georgia in 2008 produced some anxiety in the West but was followed by renewed efforts at partnership. In the case of the U.S., a "reset" in relations sought to move past the conflict and a disagreement over NATO's plan to install a missile shield in eastern Europe, which Moscow claims is directed against it.

But now, after Russia's annexation of Crimea and charges that Moscow is backing the anti-government uprising in eastern Ukraine, support is growing within NATO for changes to the alliance positioning, even if the details are subject to debate. The U.S. and others increased air policing in the region, raised the size of a fighter jet detachment in Poland and sent soldiers to train with local troops in Poland and the Baltics. The U.S. has promised more military rotations to the region in the future.

"I think others have realized that we were correct all along," said Marcin Zaborowski, director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs, a government-funded think tank with close ties to the foreign ministry.

Yet Poland believes the current steps are just a beginning to more concrete changes in the alliance.

**‘It is difficult to count on reaching consensus fast when the threat emerges. Then it is as it was in 1939, and the powers (around) Poland are all trying to make up their minds about what to do.’**

Gen. Stanislaw Koziej  
Polish National Security Bureau

Gen. Stanislaw Koziej, head of the country's National Security Bureau and one of the authors of Poland's 2013 national security assessment, said the operations conducted by Russia in Ukraine, as well as its intense propaganda, aim to cause instability versus winning territory, sparking concerns in Poland that alliance preparations are out of date. Because Article 5 envisions an invasion force or an outright attack versus irregular conflict, NATO members may hesitate to act against something less dynamic, he said.

The Baltic states, which like Ukraine have sizable populations of ethnic Russians, are especially vulnerable to such operations that fall well short of war, Koziej argues.

Although Moscow has not threatened any NATO member, Poland wants the allies to create more detailed contingency plans for the region. These would name specific units to respond to a crisis be stationed permanently in Poland, Romania and the Baltics or rotated through for large exercises. Koziej believes the NATO Response Force, the alliance's rapid-response force, could play a role. But like others in the government, he believes the U.S. should station troops permanently on Polish soil.

"We think it would be of interest to the U.S. to have some other

type of forces present here ... But if it's a rotational presence, from our point of view it's also advantageous," he said.

NATO should also move fuel and munitions into warehouses in the east from bases in the west, Koziej said, and prepare airfields for possible contingencies. To help pay for these changes, Poland is willing to offer funding equivalent to .05 percent of its gross domestic product — the amount of a defense funding increase recently announced by the Polish government.

With pre-drafted plans, named units and forward supplies, a response to any Russian incursions in the region would rely on a mere mechanism, Koziej said. "If these plans are updated and confirmed by the allies upfront, it means that we've already overcome one of the barriers to quickly have a consensus and react," he said. "Then we only need a decision to push a button and NATO will be ready to react."

Many allies already oppose such plans. Germany argues that basing in the east would go against the 1997 Founding Act, an agreement between NATO and Russia that limited buildup in former Soviet bloc states.

Along with France — which recently sold two warships to Russia — and a number of other European nations, they are con-

cerned about needlessly provoking Russia, which views NATO's eastward expansion as an existential threat, and jeopardizing Europe's substantial economic ties with that country. Some NATO diplomats have dismissed Poland's demands for greater security guarantees as obsessive.

"They're not going to get what they want," Dempsey said. "And the reason is that Britain and France and Germany are not actually willing to redeploy troops, American troops (stationed in Europe) or NATO equipment and barracks and infrastructure eastward."

Koziej calls such opposition "disquieting" and believes Germany cites the Founding Act to protect its business interests. He believes Russia invalidated the act when it invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea.

Poland hopes for support from the U.S. as well as Sweden and Finland. The latter two countries, though not members of NATO, are concerned about Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Warsaw is also looking internally, speeding up military upgrades it began in 2013. Plans call for new helicopters to increase mobility of forces, together with updated air defenses and a missile defense system that it hopes to tie into the NATO system under construction, part of which is an Aegis Ashore site scheduled for completion in 2018.

Koziej said NATO must adapt to the new threat on its eastern flank and learn to act quickly.

"It is difficult to count on reaching consensus fast when the threat emerges," he said. "Then it is as it was in 1939, and the powers (around) Poland are all trying to make up their minds about what to do."

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## EUROPE

# Airman accused in killing could face death

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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The American airman accused of killing Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov could face the death penalty if his case goes to trial, military officials said Friday.

Staff Sgt. Sean M. Oliver is charged with premeditated murder for allegedly strangling Chepusov, an American Forces Network broadcaster and Oliver's colleague, with his hands at the house of another AFN airman in December.

Chepusov's body was found in the passenger seat of Oliver's car early in the morning on Dec. 14, after German police pulled Oliver over for driving erratically in Kaiserslautern.

Oliver, who worked as a broadcast engineer at AFN and has been romantically linked to Chepusov's wife, appeared in court Friday at Ramstein for an Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury. He was charged in March.

Investigating officer Lt. Col. Christopher Leavey, who presided over the hearing and heard more than six hours of testimony Friday, will recommend whether Oliver should face a court-martial, on what specific charges and whether the death penalty should be sought.

The convening authority, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, will make the final decision, lawyers for the government said.

In addition to murder, Oliver is charged

with making two false official statements, aggravated assault and two counts of obstructing justice.

Another AFN broadcast engineer, Army Spc. Cody A. Kramer, could also be tried for his alleged involvement in Chepusov's death. Prosecutors alleged at Kramer's Article 32 hearing in April that he helped Oliver plan and carry out the murder and assisted Oliver in trying to cover it up.



Chepusov

Kramer did not testify Friday.

Leavey heard testimony from Maj. Dori Mitchell Franco, an Army pathologist and the Armed Forces regional medical director.

Franco performed an autopsy on Chepusov's body on Dec. 20, after German medical examiners concluded Chepusov died from injuries to the head and neck "consistent with strangulation."

But she testified that the procedure was hindered by German authorities' decision not to turn over a part of Chepusov's throat. She also said she was not able to collect any DNA evidence because her autopsy was conducted a week after Chepusov's death.

On the night that he died, Chepusov was at Air Force Staff Sgt. Thomas Skinkle's

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apartment in Kaiserslautern with Skinkle, Oliver, Kramer and Air Force Staff Sgt. Shao-Lung Ping. Skinkle and Ping also worked at the AFN office on Ramstein.

The group had been drinking at a downtown bar before going to Skinkle's house to celebrate Skinkle's birthday.

Oliver changed his story twice about what happened that night, according to testimony. He initially said he put Chepusov in his car after finding him walking "like a zombie" around Kaiserslautern and that he did not know that he was dead when he was stopped by German authorities.

He later said he pushed Chepusov at Skinkle's and that Chepusov hit his head and was knocked out, according to the lead investigator on the case, Deric Hiscock, of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Oliver, according to Hiscock, said that he put Chepusov in the bathroom and that when he went back to get him, Chepusov attacked him, so Oliver strangled him to try and subdue him. Oliver told Hiscock that he felt Chepusov was still alive when he put him into the car, Hiscock testified.

Ping testified that he saw Chepusov lying limp on the kitchen floor while Oliver kicked him twice in the side like a soccer ball. He later left the apartment; he didn't see Chepusov again and didn't ask Oliver about him.

Ping didn't disclose he was at the apartment that night until three weeks later, when military investigators contacted him.

Leavey asked him why he didn't come forward after learning the next day that Chepusov was dead.

"I was afraid," Ping said.

"What were you afraid of?" Leavey asked.

"Reprisals. Getting in trouble because I was there," he said.

Chepusov's wife, Karla Alejandra Zolezzi, who now lives in Brownsville, Texas, testified that Chepusov had asked for a divorce and that he consented to her relationship with Oliver.

She said she didn't recall who said, "Wouldn't you want Dmitry to be in an accident?" while dining with Skinkle, Kramer and Oliver days before Chepusov's death.

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## MILITARY

# EUCOM gets new deputy leader

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William Garrett III assumed responsibility as European Command's deputy commander Thursday in Stuttgart, where he will oversee day-to-day operations.

Garrett, who replaces Vice Adm. Charles Martoglio, reports directly to EUCOM chief Gen. Philip Breedlove. Breedlove resides in Mons, Belgium, because



Garrett

he also serves as NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe.

Garrett previously served as deputy commander and chief of staff at U.S. Army

Forces Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. He also is a former commander of U.S. Army Africa and held command positions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Martoglio, who is slated to retire, served at EUCOM since 2010, first as chief of staff and later as deputy commander.

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## 15 percent of Syrian sarin chemicals destroyed

By Lolita C. Baldor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says 15 percent of the main Syrian chemical weapons on board the U.S. cargo vessel MV Cape Ray have been destroyed.

The crew is working first to neutralize the raw material for sarin nerve gas, which makes up 581 metric tons of the chemical material on the ship.

Mustard gas accounts for the remaining 19 metric tons of the chemical material on the Cape Ray.

The Pentagon has said it could take up to 60 days, depending on the weather and sea conditions, to destroy all the chemical toxins loaded on the ship.

The Cape Ray left Italy in early July and moved into international waters to begin the neutralization of the chemicals.

The 15 percent of the sarin toxin weighs about 88 metric tons.



SARAH DIETZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

The Legged Squad Support System (LS3) walks July 10 at the Kaluku Training Area in Hawaii during the Rim of the Pacific 2014 exercise.

# 'Cows' go on patrol with Marines

By DAN LAMOTHE

The Washington Post

More than a 1,000 U.S. Marines are participating in the Rim of the Pacific military exercises in and around Hawaii this month as 49 ships and six submarines from 23 countries test a variety of equipment and work to integrate it. It's the robot on shore, however, that is getting an inordinate amount of buzz because of its funny looks and potential utility to U.S. troops pulling foot patrols.

Meet the Legged Squad Support System, or LS3. Developed by Boston Dynamics, it can carry

as much as 400 pounds of equipment and enough fuel to walk 20 miles over 24 hours, the company says.

It began a two-year testing phase in 2012 and is getting some serious work at RIMPAC under the supervision of the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. Check it out in action:

The LS3 is constantly checking its footing, making it useful in uneven terrain where a vehicle might not be. In typically funny and blunt fashion, the Marines using it in Hawaii have taken to calling it "the cow," said Lt. Col. Charles Berry, who is leading the

experiment. Three of them are on hand, allowing the troops to use at least one of them at most times.

The "cows" aren't the only robots getting use right now, however. The Marines also are testing a new "internally transportable vehicle" about the size of a small Jeep that can drive itself. Known as the "Ground Unmanned Support Surrogate," or GUSS, it comes in handy carrying water and other equipment, but isn't able to maneuver quite as much terrain as the LS3. On the flip side, Marines are able to hop in and drive it whenever they want,

or if the sensors that allow it to drive itself aren't working.

Berry said there are ongoing conversations about how the two robots can best be used. There also are concerns about relying on them too heavily — if they were to break down in a combat zone, they'd likely need to be pulled out, pushed or carried.

For now, though, the Marines are content to gather information and see what the two robotic haulers can do. And yes: That cow might not be mooing, but it is pretty loud. A unit with it won't be sneaking up on anyone anytime soon.

## Germany cable outage planned for Tuesday

Stars and Stripes

TKS cable customers in Germany will experience an outage on Tuesday, occurring sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. while the company performs a series of upgrades.

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The duration of the service interruption will be about one to two hours and affect customers living both on base and off base across Germany, TKS stated in a news release.

The network upgrade will lay the groundwork for a planned in-

crease of Internet speed and for the introduction of new and enhanced network services, according to the company.

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## PACIFIC

# Japan military plans to purchase Ospreys

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japan's defense ministry wants funding to buy Osprey aircraft starting next year, with the addition of more than a dozen tilt-rotor aircraft during the next few years, despite homegrown protests and concerns about the aircraft's safety.

During a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera lauded the ability and performance of the controversial helicopter-airplane hybrid in the Philippines, where it was used extensively in typhoon relief operations.

An aircraft that can fly like a plane, but take off and land like a helicopter, would be an asset to many Japanese communities, he said.

"In consideration of the Self-Defense Force's disaster relief operations, which are particularly important for certain municipalities, it is a critical fact that there are numerous remote islands in Japan, and many of them don't have a runway," Onodera told a recent news conference.

"Under such restricted conditions, tilt-rotor aircraft such as the Ospreys have superior capability to carry out disaster-relief operations and transport patients in a timely manner ... In addition, tilt-rotor aircraft are vital equipment for defending Japan's territory, including outlying islands."

Onodera said Japan's five-year midterm National Defense Program Guidelines for fiscal 2014 and beyond calls for as many as 17 tilt-rotor aircraft by fiscal 2018. The purchase of the V-22 aircraft, however, is not yet set in stone, and the type of aircraft to be purchased was still under consideration. However, if Japan begins buying tilt-rotor craft next year, they most likely will start with the Osprey, as several other



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

**Two MV-22 Ospreys from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa prepare to refuel Saturday at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo. The Ospreys were en route to the Sapporo Air Show, where the Marine Corps hopes to raise awareness of the aircraft's safety record, state-of-the-art technology and importance to the Japan-U.S. strategic alliance.**

variations are still in development.

The announcement came as plans also were laid out to build facilities for the U.S. military's Osprey fleet on bases in mainland Japan so the majority of flight training could take place outside of Okinawa, where the aircraft are based.

Starting in 2012, the arrival of two squadrons of 12 Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey aircraft to the southern island caused small-but-impassioned protests from residents concerned about several high-profile crashes that plagued the aircraft early in its development and occurred sporadically in the preceding years.

A December 2013 telephone survey found that 71.2 percent of respondents said that prefectures outside of Okinawa should

host military drills involving the Osprey. That poll was taken two days after the Okinawan government had approved an unpopular relocation plan of the Marines' Futenma facility to another location on the island.

The Marine Corps has tried to assuage Japanese fears about the aircraft, which has become a Marine Corps and Air Force workhorse in recent years, flying successfully in combat and rescue missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and even Libya as well as in relief and training operations in South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Australia and Guam.

Multiple Marine Corps Osprey pilots from different units interviewed by Stars and Stripes during the course of the past

two years all have insisted the aircraft is safe. They praised it for its increased cargo capacity, speed and durability under fire.

The Japanese are not alone in trying to purchase the Osprey. The Defense Department announced in October that Israel was buying six for its air force.

Japanese military scholars applauded the move to procure the aircraft, saying the Osprey is vital to Japan's defense.

"Japan is an island nation, and for the defense of outlying islands, sending needed troops in a timely manner is crucial," said Toshiyuki Shikata, professor at Teikyo University and a retired lieutenant general of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. "The payload of the current Chinook is absurdly small. It has to be the Osprey, which has twice the payload, with threefold speed and has four times the flight distance."

Shikata said the Osprey is safe and is an effective deterrent to nations involved in land and resource disputes with Japan. He said its ability in relief operations is sure to change perceptions.

"Should a crisis occur in Korean Peninsula, or Taiwan Strait, there is a need for quick evacuation of Japanese citizens," he said. "The Ospreys have the capability for such operations, which is not possible with conventional helicopters."

Two Ospreys stopped at Yokota Air Base, west of Tokyo, for the first time Saturday, where they were scheduled to refuel en route to the July 20 Sapporo Air Show. The Ospreys' participation in the Sapporo Air Show is aimed at raising public awareness of the aircraft.

The Kyodo News agency reported Friday that the Sapporo municipal government requested that the organizer of a weekend air show stop the arrival of two Marine Corps aircraft because of safety concerns among local residents.

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## Ex-prostitutes sue S. Korea government, claim rights violations

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SEOUL, South Korea — A group of former prostitutes has filed a lawsuit against the South Korean government seeking more than \$12 million in compensation, alleging that it exercised significant control over their activities, according to a report in Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun.

The women worked in special government-designated areas near U.S. military bases beginning in the late-1950s, according to the report. The South Korean government conducted mandatory testing for sexually transmitted diseases, and women who were infected were sent to government-run camps. The women claim their human rights were violated and are demanding the government investigate its past involvement in overseeing prostitution, "disclose historical facts" and provide an official apology, the Asahi Shimbun report said.

It is believed to be the first such legal action taken by women now elderly, but known as "western princesses" during their youth — who once worked

in brothels that catered primarily to U.S. troops stationed on the peninsula in the decades after the Korean War.

"These women are now old and weak because of disease and have no support," Park Jeong-mi of Hanyang University's Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture told Stars and Stripes. "They are being neglected, and they are angry."

Experts say the Korean government encouraged prostitutes to sleep with the U.S. troops stationed in the country since 1945 to keep them happy, and even praised them as diplomats for bringing dollars into the poor nation. Government oversight of the women ended by the late 1970s as the number of U.S. troops declined and the war-torn country's economy showed significant growth.

No sources contacted for this story would say whether the women were forced to provide sex to U.S. troops or whether they did so voluntarily. However, the South Korean government previously has denied encouraging or forcing the women into prostitution.

The Seoul Central District Court would not provide a copy

of the lawsuit, filed June 25, due to court rules that bar the general release of such documents. A judge would not comment on the lawsuit except to say it is still being processed and a hearing date has not been set.

According to the country's Supreme Court website, the lawsuit was filed on behalf of 122 people, who, judging by their names, appeared to be women. Both the South Korean government and Minister of Justice Hwang Gyoahn were named in the suit. Efforts to contact the women were not immediately successful.

Two of three South Korean attorneys initially listed on the Supreme Court website as handling the case could not be reached for comment; a third said she would not discuss the case while it is pending. Several other attorneys have since been added to that list.

All forms of prostitution have been illegal in South Korea since 2004, though the government previously allowed it at certain times in certain areas, including red-light districts and the areas around U.S. military bases.

U.S. Forces in Korea referred questions about the lawsuit to the South Korean government, but

said the command is aware of the case.

"USFK has a zero tolerance for prostitution and human trafficking. Prostitution and human traf-

ficking is cruel, demeaning, and is incompatible with our military core values," it said in an email.

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## MILITARY

# Tattoos hold back recruits' military careers

By JOANNE KIMBERLIN

The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

If recruiters could send your kids a message, it would sound something like this: Lay off the ink.

Covering yourself in tattoos can close a lot of career doors, including those in the military — which, ironically, once was about the only place tattoos were cool.

Policies vary a bit among the branches, but there's one common theme:

Too big, too visible or too tasteless, and you and your tats aren't welcome.

Capt. Corey Hill and his team of Army recruiters see it play out just about every day. Promising candidates walk into the recruiting office in Norfolk, Va.'s Janaf shopping center only to walk out, rejected because of their tattoos.

It's gotten even tougher since spring, when the Army tightened its policy to ban ink above the collar and below the wrist. The service, cutting its ranks after the wars, can afford to be picky now.

"We needed more soldiers after 9/11, so we were more lenient," Hill said. "Now, we're going back to our old standards. It's about image — being professional and looking like it."

Tattoos on hands and fingers are out in the Marine Corps as well, though they're acceptable to the Navy and the Air Force, depending on their size. No service allows tattoos anywhere on the body that are vulgar, racist, sexist, anti-American, drug-related, or are associated with gangs or hate or extremist groups.

Beyond that, the policies are a patchwork of math and measurements — and sometimes pure opinion, which can lead to confusion. Is a Confederate flag considered offensive? One recruiter says yes. Another says no.

One morning last week, four out of the five recruits in the Janaf office had tattoos and their body art was being scrutinized

and inventoried.

Dejuan Nixon, 18, already had passed muster and was preparing to swear in. His love of music was tattooed on the inside of his right forearm — a keyboard surrounded by musical notes and lots of scroll — which he got when he was just 15.

He's lucky to be blessed with long fingers. The Army allows a total of four tattoos between elbow and wrist, knee and ankle — as long as none is bigger than the size of the wearer's extended hand. Able to satisfy that measuring stick, if only barely, Nixon went off to take his oath.

"I was worried," he said. "I wasn't sure it would be OK."

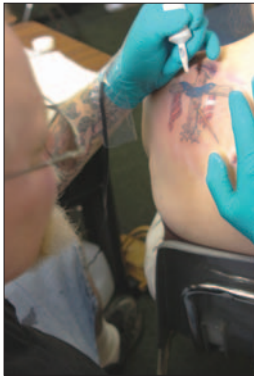
An Air Force recruiter might have turned Nixon away. That branch uses a formula that would have required a tape measure, some very specific instructions and multistep calculations to determine the surface area of Nixon's forearm versus his tattoo. If the ink covered more than 25 percent of his skin, he'd be out of luck.

Critics say it makes no sense for the military to be so snobbish about tattoos because the ink craze that's swept the civilian world was seeded by the service, itself. Sailors have long marked their arms with anchors, soldiers with the names of fallen comrades. Now, tattoos are practically mainstream, a form of self-expression displayed by millions.

Keep it to yourself, says the military. We're not joining you. You're joining us, and we make the rules.

Last week, Richard Chaney, 21, and Ashanti Bracey, 19, learned that real-world lesson, plus some.

Both had passed all their enlistment hurdles — physicals, background checks, and IQ, personality and drug tests. With their tattoos photographed and approved at the recruiting office, both had been sent to the Army's processing center in Petersburg, where their entry into the service screamed to a halt.



CARLYNN KNAAK/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Ritch Green, one of five tattoo artists brought to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay through the Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff, tattoos a commemorative picture of a cross onto the shoulder area of a Joint Task Force Guantanamo trooper in June 2008. The services were lenient on tattoos during the height of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, but have become more strict as the need for new recruits has decreased.**

Each has a tattoo on the inside of one wrist — ink that the final round of screeners flagged as too close to the hand to meet the Army's new policy.

So instead of swearing in Thursday at the recruiting office, as planned, both were

heading to tattoo removal shops to start laser treatments.

"I think it's ridiculous, but I'm going to do it," Chaney said.

"Me too," Bracey said. "I've worked too hard. No tattoo is going to stop me now."

Removal is painful and pricey, even with the military discounts often offered. Stacey Goldmeier, a co-owner at Atlantic Laser Tattoo Removal in Virginia Beach, gives 10 percent off — which makes an average session cost \$90.

A tattoo like Bracey's — an infinity circle with the word "LOVE" — typically takes six sessions, six to eight weeks apart, and as long as a year to disappear. In the meantime, her military career is on hold.

Goldmeier sees plenty of military-related customers. When policies change, those already in the service have their tattoos automatically "grandfathered in," but their presence can affect promotions and assignments.

"They know if they don't get it off, it will hold them back," she said.

Full-sleeve tattoos — waived in wartime — are being lasered into smaller sections to meet size or count criteria. Tiny tattoos behind ears — stars, butterflies, hearts — are being removed.

New policies can be hard all around. "We're still trying to figure it all out," Hill said.

One of his recent tasks was to document every tattoo on his current soldiers so the Army can keep an eye out for fresh body art that doesn't meet standards.

If any turns up, the offender will have two choices: remove it or face discharge.

On recruiting days at local high schools, Hill said, he talks about a lot of things, but tattoos are always part of the conversation.

"Kids are making these choices when they're so young," he said, "with no idea of how it can impact their future."

In other words: Think before you ink.

## Military children have fun, hang out at Memorial Camp

By EMILY STEELE

(Decatur, Ill.) Herald & Review

DECATUR, Ill. — At 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Ill., towels are hung outside cabins, activities are announced via loud-speaker and children play in the distance. By all appearances, it's a standard summer camp.

But round the corner and a member of the National Guard in fatigues leads campers through a set of drills. At another station, kids ages 8 to 15 apply camouflage face paint. In the dining hall, photos of campers and their military parents are spread across the Heroes Wall.

Last week, 185 kids from

seven states and representing all branches of the military came to Memorial Camp for one week of free activities.

Golden Cord funded its first camp for military children in 2011, with priority for those whose parents were wounded, disabled or killed in action. Since then, it has expanded to 20 camps in 16 states.

Shirley Dilworth, the lead child and youth program coordinator for the Illinois National Guard, is based in Springfield, but travels all over in her civilian role as an advocate for military youths.

"You never know what kind of support they've lost," Dilworth

said.

She serves as an advocate between schools and military families so counselors understand what's going on at home could be a reason for struggles at school. Since October 2001, more than 2.1 million men and women have been deployed. Nearly half, 44 percent, have children.

"It can create a lot of turmoil at home," she said.

But camp is an opportunity to forget all that. The children are kept busy from when they're dropped off Sunday until they are picked up on Friday. The activities include crafts, archery, rock climbing and swimming. On Thursday,

they got a taste of the military life, going through drills, braiding paracord bracelets and trying MREs, Meals Ready-to-Eat.

National Guard squad leader Derek Torres came from Crestwood to lead campers through basic tactical movements.

"Of course, they're not going to do it right, but it's seeing them put that effort out," Torres said.

The 4-H Memorial Camp hosted Camp Corral for the first time last year.

"It's a tribute to our military from our troops," said 4-H Camp Director Curt Sinclair.

The camp opened in 1948, a donation from Robert Allerton,

dedicated to the memory of Illinois 4-H members and alumni who died in World War II.

About half of last year's campers came back again.

That includes Tommy Clark of Elgin, who returned at the age of 16 to be a counselor for the whole summer. Like many military families, Tommy has had to move about every two years.

"You lose a lot of friends fast," Tommy said.

But the camp provides a chance for the military children to make friends in an open environment.

"Here, it's like no one knows anyone, so you have to make friends," Tommy said.



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## NATION

# Obama to sign order protecting gay workers

By NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to sign executive orders Monday prohibiting discrimination against gay and transgender workers in the federal government and its contracting agencies, without a new exemption that was requested by some religious organizations.

Obama's action comes on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling in the Hobby Lobby case that allowed some religiously oriented businesses to opt out of the federal health care law's requirement that contraception coverage be provided to workers at no extra charge. Senior administration officials said Friday that ruling has no impact on nondis-

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Chad Griffin  
Human Rights Campaign president

crimination policies in federal hiring and contracting.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the plans publicly.

Since Obama announced last month that he would sign the orders, he's faced pressure from opposing flanks over the religious exemption and given no indication of where he would come down. Many religious leaders and con-

servative groups wanted him to exempt religious organizations from the order, while liberal clergy and gay advocacy groups adamantly opposed such an exemption.

Until last month, Obama long resisted pressure to pursue an executive order for federal contractors in hopes that Congress would take more sweeping action banning anti-LGBT workplace discrimination nationwide. A bill to accomplish that goal — the Em-

ployment Non-Discrimination Act — passed the Senate last year with some Republican support, but has not been taken up by the GOP-controlled House.

The senior officials said Obama's action planned for Monday at the White House would amend two executive orders. The first, signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, prohibits federal contractors from discriminating based on race, religion, gender or nationality in hiring. Obama plans to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protections, and to order the Labor Department to carry out the order. The officials said that means the change will probably take effect by early next year.

President George W. Bush had amended Johnson's order in 2002

to allow religious groups to hire and fire based upon religious identity. Churches also are able to hire ministers as they see fit. The senior administration officials said Obama will not change those exemptions.

The second order Obama will amend was signed by President Richard Nixon in 1969 to prevent discrimination against federal workers based on race, religion, gender, nationality, age or disability. President Bill Clinton added sexual orientation, and Obama will include gender identity in a change to immediately take effect.

Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin said: “With two strokes of a pen, the president will have a very real and immediate impact on the lives of millions of LGBT people across the country.”

## Administration ignored warnings about surge in immigrant children

By DAVID NAKAMURA,  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Nearly a year before President Barack Obama declared a humanitarian crisis on the border, a team of experts arrived at the Fort Brown patrol station in Brownsville, Texas, and discovered a makeshift transportation depot for a deluge of foreign children.

Thirty U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents were assigned in August 2013 to drive the children to off-site showers, wash their clothes and make them sandwiches. As soon as those children were placed in temporary shelters, more arrived.

An average of 66 were apprehended each day on the border, and more than 24,000 cycled through Texas patrol stations in 2013. In a 41-page report to the Department of Homeland Security, the team from the University of Texas at El Paso raised alarms about the federal government's capacity to manage a situation that was expected to grow worse.

The researchers' observations were among the warning signs conveyed to the Obama administration over the past two years as a surge of Central American minors has crossed into south Texas illegally. More than 57,000 have entered the United States this year, swamping federal resources and catching the government unprepared.

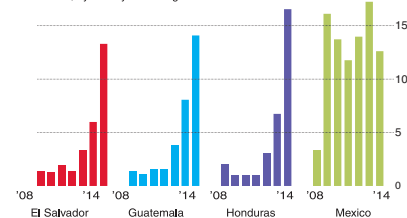
The administration did too little to heed those warnings, according to interviews with former government officials, outside experts and immigrant advocates, leading to an inadequate response that contributed to this summer's escalating crisis.

Federal officials viewed the situation as a “local problem,” said Victor Manjarrez Jr., a former Border Patrol station chief who led a UTPEP study. The research conducted last year, was funded

### Children on the border

Citizenship of unaccompanied children apprehended at the U.S. border

In thousands, by fiscal year through June 30



SOURCES: U.S. Border Patrol

THE WASHINGTON POST

by the Department of Homeland Security and published in March. A broader crisis was “not on anyone's radar,” Manjarrez added, even though “it was pretty clear this number of kids was going to be the new baseline.”

Cecilia Munoz, Obama's domestic policy adviser, said the administration and key agencies had made adjustments over time to deal with the influx of children, but then responded with urgency once federal officials realized in May that the numbers would far exceed internal projections of 60,000 minors crossing the border in 2014.

Revised Border Patrol estimates now suggest the number could reach 90,000 by the end of September.

Last month, Obama ordered an emergency response overseen by the National Security Council and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and he has asked Congress to approve \$3.7 billion in emergency funds.

“What happened this year was ... off-the-charts different,”

Munoz said. “It was not the same pattern. We assumed a significant increase, but this was not the same kind of trend line. ... Nobody could have predicted the scale of the increase we saw this year. The minute we saw it, we responded in an aggressive way.”

But top officials at the White House and the State Department had repeatedly been warned of the potential for a further explosion in the number of migrant children since the crisis began escalating two years ago, according to former federal officials and other people familiar with internal discussions. The White House was directly involved in efforts in early 2012 to care for the children when it helped negotiate a temporary shelter at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

“There were warning signs, operational folks raising red flags to high levels in terms of this being a potential issue,” said one former senior federal law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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## NATION

# IRS: Hard drive that lost emails destroyed

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The IRS said Friday that Lois Lerner's computer hard drive was destroyed three years ago, ending any chance of retrieving her lost emails.

Lerner is a central figure in congressional investigations into the handling of applications by tea party and other conservative groups.

In court papers, the IRS said the hard drive was destroyed after two sets of trained technicians tried to retrieve the data. The tax agency said it was standard procedure to destroy old data storage equipment that may have contained confidential taxpayer information.

The IRS said Lerner's computer crashed in 2011, destroying an untold number of emails. At the time, Lerner headed the division that handles applications for tax-

exempt status.

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen had told Congress that Lerner's hard drive was recycled and presumably destroyed. Friday's court filings confirmed it.

As part of a lawsuit, U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton ordered the IRS last week to explain what happened to the hard drive.

Walton also wanted information about an inspector general's investigation into the lost emails. Walton wanted to know the quali-

fications of computer experts conducting the investigation, and he wanted a projection on when the investigation will be complete.

Timothy Canus, a deputy inspector general for investigations, said in court papers that 11 special agents are on the case. However, he added, "It is not possible to give an estimated date of completion."

A Justice Department lawyer told Walton last week that there was no evidence Lerner intention-

ally destroyed her hard drive.

On Thursday, Deputy Attorney General James Cole told Congress that the Justice Department is investigating the lost emails as part of a larger probe into the way agents handled applications for tax-exempt status.

Walton's order came in a lawsuit filed by a group called True the Vote, which says it advocates for the integrity of elections. The group sued the IRS over delays in its application for tax-exempt status.



## Playing in the mud for charity

Above: A runner competes in the duck-and-cover obstacle during the first "Frankenmudder" 5-kilometer obstacle course on Saturday in Frankenmuth, Mich. The run included 17 obstacles. The inaugural event is a fundraiser for Michigan's Own Military and Space Museum in Frankenmuth and the Travis Mills Foundation.

Right: Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills, right, who was wounded after dropping a bag on an improvised explosive device in April 2012 and lost all four limbs, is given an award after the event. Mills said he was happy to be part of the run and to "help in any way I can."

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## James Garner, 86, dies

By LYNN ELBER

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Actor James Garner, whose whimsical style in the 1950s TV Western "Maverick" led to a stellar career in TV and films such as "The Rockford Files" and his Oscar-nominated "Murphy's Romance," has died, police said. He was 86.

He was found dead of natural causes at his home in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles Saturday evening, Los Angeles police officer Alonzo Iniquez said early Sunday.

Police responded to a call around 8 p.m. PDT and confirmed Garner's identity from family members, Iniquez told The Associated Press.

There was no immediate word on a more specific cause of death. Garner had suffered a stroke in May 2008, just weeks after his 80th birthday.

Although he was adept at drama and action, Garner was best known for his low-key, wise-cracking style, especially with his hit TV series, "Maverick" and "The Rockford Files."

His quick-witted avoidance of conflict provided a refreshingly new take on the American hero, contrasting with the steely heroics of John Wayne and the fast trigger of Clint Eastwood.

Well into his 70s, the handsome Oklahoma remained active in both TV and film. In 2002, he was Sandra Bullock's father in the film "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

When he received the Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award in 2005, he quipped, "I'm not at all sure how I got here."



Garner



## NATION



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Firefighter Kathleen Calvin looks around as she sits atop her fire truck while waiting to begin work as smoke from a wildfire fills the sky Saturday in Winthrop, Wash.

# Erratic, high winds drive growing Wash. wildfire

By MANUEL VALDES  
AND DONNA BLANKSHIP  
The Associated Press

WINTHROP, Wash. — Pushed by howling, erratic winds, a massive wildfire in north-central Washington was growing rapidly and was burning in new directions Saturday.

Road closures and evacuations were changing regularly as hot weather and winds with gusts up to 30 mph were pushing the fire over ridge tops and toward a cluster of small towns northeast of Seattle.

"This is a very active and fluid situation," fire spokesman Chuck Turey said.

As of Saturday morning, the lightning-caused fire had scorched nearly 340 square miles in the scenic Methow Valley. The fire was measured at 260 square miles Friday.

People living between Carlton and Pateros have been told to leave their homes. The fire has blackened hillsides, destroyed homes

and downed power lines. Many towns were without electrical power or phone service Saturday.

Officials said there are no reports of serious injuries and only one more structure was destroyed overnight by the lightning-caused wildfire.

Minor burns and bruises had been reported, but Turey called that "a pretty amazing safety record."

Airplanes and helicopters were dropping water and fire retardant on all parts of the fire, with no one area more of a concern than another, Turey said.

"We're seeing some wind shifts so that the fire is going to be pushed in some directions it hasn't been pushed to date," he said, adding that the good news is that in some places, the wind is pushing the first back on itself.

Rancher Vic Stokes, 60, went to bed Friday thinking the fires had calmed down and his ranch out of harm's way.

He and his family have been fighting brush fires since Thurs-

day, getting little sleep.

By Saturday, a fire had jumped to a nearby creek bed. Stokes, his son and his daughter-in-law spent the morning clearing brush. "Anything that hasn't burned has a chance of burning yet," Stokes said.

So far, his home is intact, but he's lost hay and a barn and is worried for livestock he had grazing in an area that's now scorched.

"We need to get up there and see what we can find that's alive. We know we lost cattle," he said.

As the fire got closer to Carlton, rancher Pete Scott brought 60 cattle to his property in town from the range land. His home, a green oasis, is serving a meeting point for some of the displaced residents. "We're trying to survive," Scott said.

The fire has calmed near Pateros, where it destroyed about 100 homes Thursday and Friday, Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers said. "It's just starting to run out of places to burn," he said.

striking similarities between a late-January robbery at the Bank of the West and the one Wednesday that left a hostage and two robbers dead. In each case, Silva said, armed robbers made their getaway by stealing a bank employee's car.

"Investigators have been looking at that January case really hard," said Silva, adding that nobody was injured or taken hostage in the earlier robbery carried out by two or more men with handguns.

In Wednesday afternoon's robbery,

police say three men armed with three handguns and an AK-47 were dropped off at a Bank of the West branch by an unknown driver. They took three women as hostages, including a customer and two employees, police said.

They fled in a bank employee's SUV, forcing her to drive, before shooting her and pushing her from the vehicle, Silva said. A second employee later was thrown or jumped from the SUV at 50 mph amid an hour-long pursuit and running gunbattle with police, he said. Both women survived.

# Officer in fatal NY arrest stripped of gun, badge

By VERENA DORNIK  
AND JAKE PEARSON  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York City police officer involved in the arrest of a man who died in custody after being placed in an apparent chokehold has been stripped of his gun and badge and placed on desk duty, police said.

The city's Civilian Complaint Review Board said Saturday it would review more than 1,000 chokehold complaints it has received against officers during the past five years in an attempt to "discern why officers continue to use this forbidden practice."

At a rally in Manhattan's Harlem neighborhood, prominent civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton said the death of Eric Garner, 43, could strain the black community's relationship with the police department. Garner's widow, Esaw, burst into tears at the rally.

"This is going to be a real test to see where policies are in the city now and whether the change that we feel occurred has occurred," Sharpton said, referring to promises made by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner William Bratton to improve the relationship between officers and the city's minority communities.

The NYPD has faced criticism and legal challenges over its use of the stop-and-frisk tactic, which allows officers to stop anyone they suspect is about to commit a crime or has committed a crime. There has also been an outcry over the NYPD's extensive surveillance of Muslims disclosed in stories by The Associated Press.

Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg vehemently defended both the surveillance and stop-and-frisk as legal and vital public safety tools.

Officer Daniel Pantaleo, an eight-year NYPD veteran, and an officer who has been with the force for four years were both taken off the street after the Garner's death on Staten Island, a borough south of Manhattan, police said.

The department would not identify the second officer but said he would retain his gun and badge while on desk duty. The reassignment is effective immediately and will remain in effect while Garner's death is being investigated, police said.

Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the city's largest police union, called Pantaleo's reassignment "completely unwarranted." He said it denies Pantaleo the "very benefit of a doubt that has long been part of the social contract that allows police officers to face the risks of this difficult and complex job."

According to federal court records, three men have sued Pantaleo within the past two years over what they argued were unlawful, racially motivated arrests on Staten Island.

In the first lawsuit, settled by the city in January, two black men in their 40s accused Pantaleo and other officers of arresting them without cause and subjecting them to a "humiliating and unlawful strip search" on a street that involved ordering them to "pull their pants and underwear down, squat and cough."

The men said they were held overnight on charges that ultimately were dismissed seven months later.

In a second lawsuit, a man accused Pantaleo and other officers of misrepresenting facts in a police report and other documents to substantiate charges that eventually were dismissed.

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# Driver sought in deadly Calif. bank heist

By SCOTT SMITH  
The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — While police in the Northern California city of Stockton searched Saturday for an accomplice in a bank robbery that led to a police chase and deadly shootout, investigators said they suspect the same man carried out other area bank heists, including one earlier this year at the same branch that was hit last week.

Officer Joe Silva of the Stockton Police Department said there are

## UNREST IN UKRAINE

# Rebels take full control of plane crash site

## deceased

By YURAS KARMANAU

The Associated Press

TOREZ, Ukraine — Rebels in eastern Ukraine took control Sunday of the bodies recovered from downed Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, and the U.S. and European leaders demanded that Russian President Vladimir Putin make sure rebels give international investigators full access to the crash site.

The key question of who controlled the collection of evidence at the sprawling crash site in rebel-held territory dominated the day's rapid-fire developments. International monitors say armed rebels have limited their access to the crash site and Ukrainian officials said armed rebels took the bodies away from their workers by force.

Ukraine and the separatists accuse each other of firing a surface-to-air missile Thursday at Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 as it flew from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur some 33,000 feet above the battlefields of eastern Ukraine. Both deny shooting down the plane. All those onboard the flight — 283 passengers and 15 crew — were killed.

A wave of international outrage over how the bodies of the plane crash victims were being handled came amid fears that the armed rebels who control the crash site could be tampering with the evidence there.

Donetsk rebel leader Alexander Borodai said the bodies recovered from the crash site would remain in refrigerated train cars in the rebel-held town of Torez, 9 miles from the crash site, until the arrival of an international aviation delegation.

"The bodies will go nowhere until experts arrive," Borodai said. He also said the plane's black boxes have been recovered and will be handed over to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Borodai said he was expecting a team of 12 Malaysian experts and that he was disappointed at how long they had taken to arrive. He insisted that rebels had not interfered with the crash investigation, despite reports to the contrary by international monitors and journalists at the crash site.

Ukrainian government officials, meanwhile, prepared a disaster crisis center in the government-held city of Kharkiv, expecting to receive the bodies, but those hopes appeared delayed or even dashed Sunday.

Deputy Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman said 192 bodies and eight body parts were loaded onto the railway cars.

The leaders of France, Germany and Britain issued a statement demanding that Putin make sure that pro-Russia separatists in Ukraine give full access to investigators at the Malaysian plane crash site or risk the life of Europe.

French President Francois Hol-



**Above:** An armed man looks at charred debris at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 near the village of Hrabove, eastern Ukraine, on Sunday.



**Left:** Nine miles from the crash site, in Torez, Ukraine, a man speaks on a phone as he walks next to a refrigerated train loaded with the bodies of victims.

Photos by Vahan Genc/AP

lande, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed Sunday to demand that Putin force separatists controlling the site to "finally allow rescuers and investigators to have free and total access to the zone."

A statement from Hollande's office said if Russia fails "to immediately take the needed measures, consequence will be drawn" at a

European Union foreign ministers meeting Tuesday.

Ukraine said Russia has been sending sophisticated arms to the rebels, a charge that Moscow denies.

The U.S. embassy in Kiev issued a strong statement Sunday pointing to Russian complicity in arming the rebels, saying it has concluded "that Flight MH17 was likely downed by an SA-11 sur-

face-to-air missile from separatist-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine."

Alexander Pilyushny, an emergency worker combing the crash site for body parts Sunday, told the AP it took the rebels several hours Saturday to cart away the bodies. He said he and other workers had no choice but to hand them over.

"They are armed and we are not," Pilyushny said.

## US turns up heat on Russia over downed Malaysia aircraft

By MATTHEW LEE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Sunday turned up the heat on Russia for its support of Ukrainian separatists accused by the United States and others of shooting down a Malaysian passenger plane.

In some of the administration's harshest criticism of Russia since the crisis in Ukraine began earlier this year, Secretary of State John Kerry outlined the U.S. case that the separatists are to blame for the downing of the aircraft and that Russia was almost certainly complicit. He demanded that Russia act immediately to rein in the rebels and to actively support a transparent investigation into what happened to the plane.

"This is the moment of truth for Russia," Kerry said. "Russia is supporting these separatists. Russia is training these separatists, and Russia has not yet done

**‘We hope this is a wake-up call for some countries in Europe that have been reluctant to move (impose sanctions).’**

John Kerry

secretary of state

the things necessary in order to try to bring them under control."

In addition, he said the administration was hopeful that the shoot-down would galvanize support in Europe for increasing sanctions on Russia over its overall actions in Ukraine.

"We hope this is a wake-up call for some countries in Europe that have been reluctant to move," Kerry said, recalling that President Barack Obama had signed off on a new round of sanctions on Russia the day before the plane went down Thursday.

In a round of television interviews, Kerry cited a mix of U.S.

intelligence and social media reports that he said "obviously points a very clear finger at the separatists" for firing a Russian-provided SA-11 surface-to-air missile that brought the plane down, killing nearly 300 passengers and crew.

"It's pretty clear that this is a system that was transferred from Russia into the hands of separatists," he said.

Video of an SA-11 launcher, with one of its missiles missing and leaving the likely launch site, has been authenticated, he said.

An Associated Press journalist saw a missile launcher in rebel-held territory close to the crash

site just hours before the plane was brought down.

Kerry added that separatists had shot down about 12 aircraft over the past month and had bragged in the phone intercepts about Thursday's attack until they realized it was a commercial jet.

Kerry said Russian President Vladimir Putin must live up to his commitment to press for a full and independent international investigation into the jet's downing and use his influence with the separatists who have taken the plane's black box flight recorders, removed the victims' bodies and "seriously compromised" the crash site. "This is an insult to everybody," he said.

"This is a fundamental moment of truth for Russia, for Mr. Putin," Kerry said. "They need to exert all of the influences they have in order to protect the full integrity of this investigation."

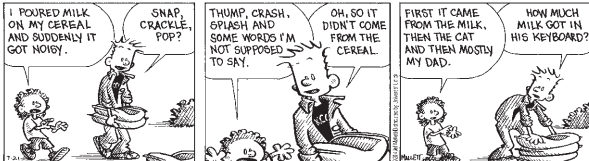
The U.S. and Ukrainian authorities have been at the forefront of accusations that the separatists,

aided by Russia, are responsible. Other countries, including Australia and Britain, have offered similar, if less definitive, assessments. On Sunday, British Prime Minister David Cameron said in an unusual front-page piece in the Sunday Times that there is growing evidence that separatist rebels, backed by Russia, shot down the aircraft.

In his interviews, Kerry accused Russia of "playing" a dual-track policy in Ukraine, of saying one thing and doing another. That, he said, "is really threatening both the larger interests as well as that region and threatening Ukraine itself."

Putin and other Russian officials have blamed the government in Ukraine for creating the situation and atmosphere in which the plane was downed, but have yet to directly address the allegations that the separatists were responsible or were operating with technical assistance from Moscow.

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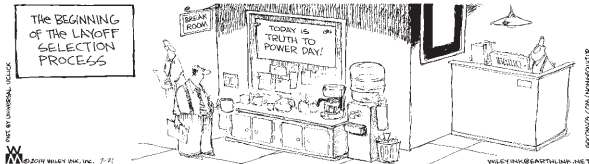
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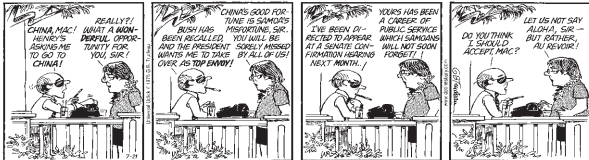
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- Boxing legend
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- State with certainty
- Florida city
- Cruelty
- Catch in a snare
- Bickering
- Symbol before "com"
- Derisively mocking
- Ferris wheel, for one
- Mature
- Accelerator or brake
- Sharp turn
- Luxurious
- Bosnian capital
- Scott's chapeau
- Actor Rob
- Simultaneously
- False
- Cramped fish
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- Past
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- Take care of
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## WORLD

## Thousands flee brutal battle in Gaza

BY KARIN LAUB  
AND PETER ENAY  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Escalating their ground offensive, Israeli troops backed by tanks and warplanes battled Hamas militants in a crowded neighborhood of Gaza City early Sunday. The fighting, including heavy Israeli tank fire, killed scores of Palestinians, forced thousands to flee and damaged or destroyed dozens of homes.

Palestinian health officials reported at least 65 people killed as air and artillery strikes echoed across the city for hours. They put the number of displaced at 35,000.

At least 425 Palestinians and 20 Israelis have been killed in the near two-week conflict which escalated as U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon headed to the region to try to revive cease-fire efforts.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, meanwhile, said he expects to come to the Middle East in coming days and that he supports Egypt's call for an immediate cease-fire, rejected last week by Hamas. The Islamic militants say they want guarantees that Gaza's border blockade will be eased before agreeing to stop fighting.

Kerry told NBC's "Meet The Press" program on Sunday that he is siding with Egypt, saying that "you cannot reward terrorism," referring to Hamas.

Sunday's battle in Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood was the deadliest so far in Israel's 3-day-old ground offensive, which followed 10 days of heavy airstrikes on targets linked to Gaza's Hamas rulers. Israel has said it sent thousands of troops into Gaza to destroy Hamas rocket launchers and tunnels dug by the Islamic militants to sneak into Israel.

The Israeli military said 8 percent of more than 1,700 rockets fired at Israel since July 8 came from Shijaiyah.

Residents of the neighborhood said Israeli tanks entered after midnight and fired heavily.

"The gate of hell has opened, and shrapnel came through the windows," Shijaiyah resident Jawad Hassanain said by phone. He said he and his family sought shelter in a nearby building after their house shook from the explosions.

"From 12:30 a.m. until 4 a.m., all you could hear is heavy bom-



LEFFERIS PTIRAKIS/AP

**Palestinian medics carry a casualty as they run past a burning building in Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood, northern Gaza Strip, on Sunday. Scores of people were killed in Shijaiyah and many more bodies were believed buried under the rubble of homes, health officials said.**

bardment, the smell of fire and the smell of death. By 4:30, and after the call for the prayer, we were able to get in an ambulance," which took them to his sister's neighborhood, he said.

After daybreak, dozens of wounded from Shijaiyah were rushed to Gaza's central Shifa Hospital.

Francis parents carried children bloodied by shrapnel, and the emergency room quickly overflowed, forcing doctors to treat some patients on mattresses in a hallway.

During a brief Red Cross-brokered lull, paramedics entered the neighborhood to retrieve the dead, pulling bodies from the rubble of homes. Dozens of

houses over several blocks were destroyed or badly damaged, a scene reminiscent of Israel's last major incursion into Gaza more than five years ago when large areas near the border with Israel were devastated.

Palestinian health officials said at least 65 people were killed and 288 wounded in Shijaiyah, bringing the overall Palestinian toll since July 8 to 425 dead and some 3,000 wounded. Close to half of the dead were killed since the start of the ground offensive.

Israeli military casualties spiked in the fighting, with 13 killed Sunday, raising the total number of dead soldiers to 18. Two civilians have also died in mortar and rocket attacks. Dozens of soldiers have been wounded since the start of the ground operation, according to Israeli officials.

Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a military spokesman, said the military met a "huge" level of resistance from Hamas militants in Shijaiyah, with anti-tank missiles, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic-weapons fired from houses and

buildings.

He said that so far, 10 tunnel access shafts were found in the area.

Lerner said Shijaiyah had been a main rocket launching area and that were warned ahead of the offensive to leave the area.

"We are mobilizing in order to strike Hamas where it hurts," he said.

Israel says Hamas' network of tunnels is a highly-developed web which links rocket building, maintenance and launching sites and stretches well into Israel.

Speaking to CNN, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel is only targeting militants in its campaign.

"All civilian casualties are unintended by us, but intended by Hamas. They want to pile up as many civilian dead as they can, ... it's gruesome," Netanyahu said. "They use telegraphically dead Palestinians for their cause. They want the more dead the better."

Israel has also targeted homes of Hamas leaders, warning they would pay a high price.

## 22 Egyptian troops killed in border attack

CAIRO — A military official said the death toll among troops from a brazen attack on a border post in Egypt's western desert has risen to 22.

The official said one of the wounded troops died Sunday. The attack was the deadliest suffered by the military in recent history. Officials, including President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi, a former military chief, called it a terrorist attack that won't go unpunished. El-Sisi declared a three-day mourning period.

Gunner armed with rocket-propelled grenades attacked the border post in the country's largest province al-Wadi al-Gedid, which straddles the Libyan and Sudanese borders, before sundown Saturday, causing an explosion in the ammunition warehouse. Three attackers were killed in brief clashes.

## Bosnians bury kin found in wartime mass grave

KOZARAC, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian families are burying the remains of 283 Muslims and one Roman Catholic Croat who were killed at the start of the Bosnian war of 1992-95.

The bodies were laid out in green coffins in a sports field in Kozarac, where prayers were held for them before burial in various graveyards in the area.

The victims were killed in the summer of 1992, when Serb troops went from house to house in the area of Prijedor in northwest Bosnia and killed any non-Serbs they found. They hid the bodies in mass graves, some of which have only been discovered recently.

## Police chase, shoot gold thief in Paris Metro

PARIS — Police in the French capital say they shot and wounded a thief with about \$135,000 in gold coins in a rare chase in the Paris Metro.

The thief had stolen the gold Saturday afternoon from a shop after hitting the seller on the head with a crowbar.

The thief ducked into the entrance of the nearby Grands Boulevards Metro station after the theft. He fired at a team of police who pursued him, and officers fired back, wounding his arm, police said.

## Powerful typhoon kills 18 in southern China

BEIJING — The strongest typhoon to hit southern China in four decades has killed 18 people, the government said Sunday, while in the Philippines the death toll from the storm's earlier destruction rose to 94.

Typhoon Rammasun killed nine people and left five missing after hitting Hainan island on Friday off China's southern coast, the civil affairs ministry said in a statement. Nine others died later in the Guangxi region as the storm plowed into the mainland on its way north to Vietnam.

From The Associated Press

## Surge of foreign fighters raises fears of plot against US

Tribe Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Thousands of foreign fighters have bolstered the ranks of militant groups in Syria and Iraq in recent months, according to U.S. officials, driving fresh concern about potential terrorist plots aimed at the United States or its allies.

The surge, as well as intelligence that Yemeni terrorists have detonated a powerful cellphone bomb designed to avoid detection

at airports, is behind the Obama administration's increasingly urgent warnings that a European or American passport holder might try to take down a passenger jet or plan other deadly mayhem.

As many as 10,000 foreign fighters — a third more than in February — have joined the militias seeking to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Islamic State fighters who have swept across northern Iraq, said

a counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss classified assessments.

As many as 3,000 of them hold European or other Western passports and thus can travel easily across most borders. Several dozen, perhaps as many as 100, hold U.S. passports, and officials say that number is growing.

The potential partnership between some of those Westerners and sophisticated bomb makers

from the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, long viewed as the terrorist network's most dangerous offshoot, has raised alarm in Washington and other capitals.

FBI Director James B. Comey told reporters in Washington that the threat "keeps me up at night." He sees the region as a "launching ground" for potential Sept. 11-style mass-casualty attacks in the U.S..

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# ...sights of the sun

## Springsteen warning heeded by scientist who searches sun for storms

By STEPHANIE STOUGHTON  
Bloomberg News

**“M**ama always told me not to look into the sights of the sun. Oh, but Mama, that’s where the fun is.”

No one understands that Bruce Springsteen song more than William Murtagh. In a small government office near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Murtagh and other federal employees monitor the sun 24 hours a day, waiting for it to erupt and fling a cloud of superheated, supercharged gas toward Earth.

The Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colo., sends alerts to power grids, airlines, oil drillers and even pigeon trainers on the risks of geomagnetic storms that can disrupt communications, electric power and, yes, perhaps the birds’ sense of direction.

The center also may provide the first clue to the worst-case scenario described in academic and government reports: widespread power outages, food shortages and trillions of dollars in economic damage. The reinsurance industry is increasingly sounding alarms, calling space weather a potential hazard in today’s wired world.

Geomagnetic storms are typically associated with coronal mass ejections, or violent blasts of hot, magnetized gas from the sun. When those clouds slam into the Earth’s magnetic field, they may result in geomagnetic storms.

The government spends less than \$10 million on the facility, which must fight annually for funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The little office relies on data from aging satellites it doesn’t control and that need to be replaced.

What the public and Washington may have forgotten is the long history of geomagnetic storms.

In March 1989, the Hydro-Quebec power system in Canada collapsed during a geomagnetic disturbance, leaving 6 million people without electricity in a blackout that lasted more than nine hours. Montreal’s subway system was

paralyzed in morning rush hour.

The Halloween Storm in October 2003 disrupted oil and gas drilling. Malmo, Sweden, suffered a blackout. At the time, some U.S. lawmakers were pushing to eliminate the center’s funding and shift the work elsewhere.

A 2008 report published by the National Academy of Sciences drew more attention to the risks. It cited the work of John Kappenman, a space weather consultant, which said a severe storm could zap hundreds of the U.S. grid’s high-voltage transformers, leaving more than 130 million people in the dark for months or longer, with economic costs possibly reaching several trillion dollars.

“The national academy report changed everything,” said Bob Rutledge, who’s in charge of the space center’s forecast office. “There’s a lot of disagreement on this, but it put this on the radar.”

Today, the space-weather office has about 40,000 subscribers worldwide for its emailed alerts, including watches giving a day or more of advance notice of possible events and roughly 30-minute warnings for imminent storms.

Alerts go to grids, airlines, satellite firms, governments and companies using satellite-based, high-precision GPS services for mining, land surveys and deep-sea drilling, Murtagh said.

Geomagnetic storms are typically associated with coronal mass ejections, or violent blasts of hot, magnetized gas from the sun. When those clouds slam into the Earth’s magnetic field — the fastest in less than a day — they may result in geomagnetic storms.

The mother of modern geomagnetic storms is known as the Carrington Event. In August and September of 1859, auroras lit up the skies from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Queensland in Australia. Telegraph networks around the world experienced outages.

The storm was about four times larger than the 2003 disturbance, said Jeffrey Love, an adviser for geomagnetic research at the U.S. Geological Survey.

It’s hard to say when another big one will arrive. If a Carrington-level storm were to strike again, zapping the North American electric grid, it could be a disaster.

It might damage transformers across the grid, leaving as many as 40 million people in the U.S. without power for 16

days to two years, according to a report last year by Lloyd’s of London, the world’s oldest insurance market. Long-term outages risk disrupting financial markets and triggering “major and widespread social unrest,” with estimated economic costs as high as \$2.6 trillion, Lloyd’s said.

The apocalyptic scenarios

have their skeptics. Among them, Frank Koza, executive director of infrastructure planning for regional grid operator PJM Interconnection, said he doesn’t think transformers would simultaneously fail in large numbers and lead to the long-term outages described by Kappenman.

“I’m struggling with that severe event John has proposed,” said Koza. PJM operates a good chunk of the U.S. power grid in a 13-state network in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic.

Meanwhile, a developing technology — a solar sail propelled by the sun’s winds and carrying space-weather instruments — is being closely watched by scientists. The spacecraft may be launched in 2016, said Charles Chafer, chief executive officer of Space Services Inc., a closely held company based in Houston that is working on the project with NASA and Tustin, Calif.-based L. Garde Inc.

Murtagh, who grew up in Ireland, joked that he was glad to see the sun when he came to America. Yet he knows better than to stare directly into its eyes and even tries to curb the enthusiasm of young visitors to the space center who might be tempted to do so.

“The last thing I want them to do is run outside and look at the sun,” he said.

Courtesy of NASA

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 4 suspects in beating stopped with bear hug

**IL** PEORIA — Police say a man halted a home invasion and beating by removing four women from the scene with one "giant bear hug."

The incident in South Peoria allegedly began about 6:45 p.m. Thursday at a home where a public assistance money card that had no balance was sold for \$80.

The (Peoria) Journal-Star reported Friday that police said a woman was injured by several suspects who entered the home and used an iron to hit her — causing a facial laceration.

A witness in the home told police she emerged from his bedroom to see four women beating the victim.

The man told authorities he ejected the suspects from the living room — all at once — using a "giant bear hug maneuver."

## Lawmaker motivated to seek cruiser cameras

**NJ** TRENTON — For one New Jersey lawmaker, a bill requiring mounted video cameras in new police cars is personal.

Democratic Assemblyman Paul Moriarty was arrested for drunken driving two years ago, but video from a camera mounted on a police cruiser helped get the charges dropped and his name cleared.

The Legislature passed a bill last month to put the requirement in state law.

If Republican Gov. Chris Christie doesn't veto it by Aug. 11, it becomes law. He hasn't been favorable to it before but has never explained why.

Moriarty credits the camera with saving his reputation and career. The officer who pulled him over is now awaiting trial on 14 charges, including falsifying a police report and official misconduct.

Moriarty said the bill could protect wrongly accused police officers, too.

## Attempt to torch spider starts fire

**SEATTLE** — A man who used a can of spray paint and a lighter as a makeshift blowtorch to kill a spider in his laundry room started a blaze that caused \$60,000 worth of damage, Seattle fire officials said Wednesday.

The man and his mother got out of the house, and no injuries were reported. The fire broke out in the West Seattle home Tuesday night, said Kyle Moore, a spokesman for the Seattle Fire Department.

Moore said the man used the spray paint and lighter as "a self-made blowtorch to kill a spider in the laundry room" of a rental house.

"I don't want to encourage people to do this, but that's what he did," Moore said Wednesday. "The spider tried to get into the wall. He sprayed flames on the wall, lit the wall on fire, and that ended up to the ceiling."

As for the spider, Moore said: "I'm pretty sure the spider did

## THE CENSUS

**5** The number of pizzas that were delivered to a police station in an apparent prank after officers charged a man with shoplifting. Police said Michael Harp, 29, asked to make a call on his cellphone Tuesday after being booked in Corbin, Ky. A short time later a pizza delivery driver showed with pizzas for "Officer Wilson" — the name of the officer who arrested Harp. Police said they linked the call to Harp by tracking his cellphone number. Harp said it's all a misunderstanding and that "about 10 people" used his phone. He now faces additional charges including identity theft and impersonating a police officer.



ANDREW WARDLOW, THE (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

## A soaking salute

**Col. David Graff, 325th Fighter Wing commander, gets sprayed with water by three of his kids as he exits a T-38 after his final flight Thursday at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla. Graff will soon retire, and the flight signified the end of a successful career as a pilot and commander in the U.S. Air Force.**

not survive this fire. The whole wall went."

## Man gets prison for trafficking fake Viagra

**TX** HOUSTON — An Illinois man has been sentenced to more than three years in federal prison for trafficking thousands of fake Viagra pills to Texas.

Fayez Al-Jabri of Chicago was sentenced Thursday by a federal judge in Houston in a case involving bogus prescription pills from China.

Al-Jabri in March pleaded guilty to multiple conspiracy, trafficking and counterfeit prescription drug counts.

An indictment returned last August says Al-Jabri and a Houston-area man, Jamal Khattab of Katy, smuggled counterfeit Viagra from China since 2010. The pills allegedly were shipped to Chicago or Houston in bulk for illegal sales in smaller quantities.

Khattab in December pleaded guilty to the same charges as Al-Jabri and awaits sentencing.

## Contempt charge for saggy pants dismissed

**PA** ALLENTOWN — An eastern Pennsylvania

judge has dismissed a contempt-of-court citation against a man who was fined \$50 for wearing saggy pants in court.

The (Easton) Express-Times reported that Lehigh County Common Pleas Judge William Ford on Thursday dismissed the charge against Adam Dennis, 18, of Macungie.

District Judge Wayne Maura had fined Dennis \$50 for his attire at a May hearing. Defense attorneys appealed, saying a criminal contempt charge was inappropriate in this case.

Attorney Kimberly Makoul cited a previous Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling that failure to stand when a judge enters doesn't support a criminal contempt conviction.

Maura's office door bears a sign directing people to "pull your pants up" and showing a cartoon of three people wearing baggy pants. He declined to comment on the ruling.

## Roof of melting ice cave collapses

**AK** ANCHORAGE — U.S. Forest Service officials said a melting ice cave at a southeast Alaska glacier has collapsed.

Moonhail Glacier naturalist Laurie Craig said there are no reported injuries from the collapse

Thursday near the cave's entry.

Craig said the cave is not easily accessible. Getting to it requires a rugged hike and a rock climb. By water, the cave is accessible by kayak, but visitors still must hike to it.

Officials had issued a warning Friday to people to stay away after an aerial view of the popular cave showed significant deterioration at the entrance.

Summer melting and heavy rainfall are possible sources of the ice cave's condition.

## Mom defends Taco Bell worker in gun incident

**MA** SPRINGFIELD — The mother of a Massachusetts Taco Bell employee charged with using a BB gun to shoot a belligerent customer upset at poor service is a "good man and hard worker" who was defending himself.

Steven Noska, 26, was released on \$250 bail after pleading not guilty Tuesday to charges including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Springfield police said Noska used a BB gun he retrieved from his car to shoot a customer who was enraged when no one came to the drive-thru window to take his order at 4 a.m. Sunday. The customer also allegedly banged

on the locked front door.

Noska's mother, Mary-Elizabeth Bewsee, told the Boston Herald that the customer got inside and started knocking items off the counter, then attacked her son on the outside.

## Man electrocuted trying to steal copper

**SC** MARION — Authorities said a man was electrocuted while trying to steal copper from the roof of a building in Marion.

Marion County Coroner Jerry Richardson said the man died at a burn center a day after he was shocked. Richardson is still trying to identify the victim.

Investigators said the man was on a ladder around 1:30 a.m. Monday when it fell against a transformer, causing an explosion and shocking the man so badly his clothes caught fire.

Nearby residents called 911 to report the explosion and the burning man. Firefighters could not immediately help the man until utility officials could confirm power had been turned off.

Police are investigating and think at least two other people might have been helping the man and abandoned him after he was electrocuted.

From wire reports



## FACES



# IN FLIGHT

Lady A moving at jetliner's pace in life, studio

Hillary Scott, left, Dave Haywood and Charles Kelley are the members of Lady Antebellum. The country group's next album, "747," is due out Sept. 30. "When people put their earbuds in to listen, we want it to come at you," Scott says. "We want you to feel that energy."

BY KRISTEN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

**T**he title for Lady Antebellum's forthcoming new album, "747," refers to a hook in the title song about how a commercial jetliner can't go fast enough for a man trying to reclaim his love. It's also a fitting analogy for the country trio's own superersonic momentum over the last year.

The group's last album was released just 14 months ago, a couple months before singer Hillary Scott gave birth to her daughter, Eisele. A deluxe version of the album came out November, and then they started writing new music while out on tour. Now, it just gets more complex as "747" is due out Sept. 30 — about the same time singer-guitarist Dave Haywood is expecting his first child.

"We are just so excited for the opportunity to just continue to build our career," Scott said as she was heading into the studio to put the finishing touches

on the record with Haywood and singer Charles Kelley. "And then also in our personal lives ... our families are growing. That's the energy level we are in, in both personal and career."

For a fresh take and new ears, they turned to Taylor Swift producer Nathan Chapman. Scott said the band got famous for their softer, romantic songs like the crossover Grammy Award-winning ballad "Need You Now" and the multiplatinum "Just A Kiss."

But seeing the fans' reactions to their last two up-tempo singles, "Compass" and "Bartender," both produced by Chapman, convinced them of the direction they needed to go.

"I know that once we released 'Compass' as a single, the energy that song brought to our career, to our live show, it was really evident that was something we needed more of," Scott said.

The band co-wrote about half of the 11-song album by taking songwriters out on the road with them.



## CBS under fire for lack of diversity in programming

BY SCOTT COLLINS  
Los Angeles Times

CBS may be America's most popular network, but critics claim its new fall lineup doesn't reflect America.

The chairwoman of CBS Entertainment faced tough questioning about diversity during a July 17 meeting with reporters at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif. Critics attacked CBS for almost exclusively programming shows with large white casts but token or non-existent minority representation.

"When we talk about diversity, we talk about the entire breadth of the network, not just one genre," network chief Nina Tassler said in response to the criticisms.

She pointed out that the star of the sci-fi thriller "Extant" which topped the ratings for its premiere — is Halle Berry, a black Oscar winner. Lucy Liu, who costars on "Elementary," was also mentioned, as were other elements of CBS' lineup.

"The Talk" is one of the most diverse shows in daytime," said Tassler, who attempted to move critics past looking at the fall

shows, which she tacitly conceded might not paint the best picture of the network's diversity efforts. That lineup includes "Madam Secretary," a political/family drama starring Tea Leoni, as well as an "NCIS" spinoff headed by Scott Bakula.

Meanwhile, Tassler predicted a resolution for the contract talks that have cast a cloud over the network's biggest comedy hit, "The Big Bang Theory." The sitcom is supposed to resume production at the end of July but the main cast members are currently without deals.

## Exhibit featuring Beyonce coming to rock hall of fame

The Associated Press

A fashion exhibit centered on Beyonce will debut at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in a section previously featuring only Hall of Famers.

The Rock Hall announced July 18 that outfits from Beyonce's Super Bowl performance and music videos will debut Tuesday in the Ahmet Ertegun Main Exhibit Hall in its Legends of Rock section, next to iconic pieces from Michael Jackson, David Bowie and Bruce Springsteen.

The 32-year-old Beyonce will be eligible for induction into the Rock Hall as a member of Destiny's Child in 2022 and as a solo artist in 2027.

The exhibit in Cleveland, Ohio, will feature Beyonce's ubiquitous black leotard from her "Single Ladies" music video, as well as her body suit, skirt and jacket from her Super Bowl performance last year in New Orleans.

Rock Hall curator Meredith Rutledge-Borger said they have been trying to court Beyonce "for a really long time."

"When we looked at the depth of the amount of stuff that she was willing to send, we just thought, 'The only way we can really showcase these items is to put them in the Legends of Rock area in the museum,' which really is the spot that we have to pay tribute to legends of rock, which Beyonce has proven herself to be," she said in an interview.

### Stage legend Elaine Stritch dies

Elaine Stritch, the theater performer whose gravelly, gin-laced voice and impeccable comic timing made her a Broadway legend, has died. She was 89.

Joseph Rosenthal, Stritch's longtime attorney, said the actress died July 17 of natural causes at her home in Birmingham, Mich.

Although Stritch appeared in movies and on television, garnering three Emmys and finding new fans as Alec Baldwin's unforgiving mother on "30 Rock," she was best known for her stage work, particularly in her candid one-woman memoir, "Elaine Stritch:

At Liberty," and in the Stephen Sondheim musical "Company."

A tart-tongued monument to New York show business endurance, Stritch worked well into her late 80s, most recently as Madame Armfeldt in a revival of Sondheim's musical "A Little Night Music."

In 2013, Stritch retired to Michigan after 71 years in New York City.

### Universal distances itself from casting

Universal Pictures and the filmmakers behind the planned N.W.A. biopic are distancing themselves from an offensive casting announcement for the film.

The company said in a statement late July 17 that "the filmmakers ... did not approve and do not condone the information in this casting notice. We regret and sincerely apologize for being in any way associated with the offensive descriptions it contained."

Sande Alessi Casting posted an open call earlier last week that sought women in four categories. "A girls" were described as "the hottest of the hottest" and could be of any ethnicity. "B girls" were to be "light-skinned," whereas "D girls" were "African-American... Poor, not in good shape. Medium to dark skin tone."

Gawker.com quoted the casting call in an article July 17. The casting company has since removed the announcement from its Facebook page.

### Other news

■ G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, part of Penguin Group (USA), said July 18 that it would publish a book written by Brooklyn teen metal trio Unlocking the Truth chronicling the group's "path to success." The band has a deal with Sony.

■ Britain's High Court ruled July 18 that the musical TV show "Glee" must change its name because it breaches the trademark of a chain of comedy clubs. A judge told Twentieth Century Fox that it had to re-name the series in Britain, though the order won't take effect until an appeal has been heard.



MARK DUNCAN/AP

Outfits worn by Beyonce, including one she wore to the Met Gala in 2012 (center), are part of an exhibit opening Tuesday at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# RJ Reynolds to fight \$23.6B verdict

**By JENNIFER KAY**  
*The Associated Press*

MIAMI — The nation's No. 2 cigarette maker is vowing to fight a jury verdict of \$23.6 billion in punitive damages in a lawsuit filed by the widow of a longtime smoker who died of lung cancer.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. executive J. Jeffery Raborn has called the damages awarded by a Pensacola, Fla., jury "grossly excessive and impermissible under state and constitutional law."

"This verdict goes far beyond the realm of reasonableness and fairness, and is completely inconsistent with the evidence presented," Raborn, a company vice president and assistant general counsel, said in a statement. "We plan to file post-trial motions with the trial court promptly, and are confident that the court will follow the law and not allow this runaway verdict to stand."

One of the winning attorneys said the verdict Friday night sends a powerful message to to-

**'This verdict goes far beyond the realm of reasonableness and fairness, and is completely inconsistent with the evidence presented.'**

**J. Jeffery Raborn**

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. vice president and assistant general counsel

bacco companies.

"The jury wanted to send a statement that tobacco cannot continue to lie to the American people and the American government and the deadly chemicals in their cigarettes," said Christopher Chestnut, one of the attorneys representing Cynthia Robinson.

The case is one of thousands filed in Florida after the state Supreme Court in 2006 threw out a \$145 billion class-action verdict. That ruling also said smokers and their families need only prove addiction and that smoking caused their illnesses or deaths.

Last year, Florida's highest court upheld that decision, which

made it easier for sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies without having to prove to the court again that Big Tobacco knowingly sold dangerous products and hid the hazards of cigarette smoking.

The damages awarded to Robinson after a four-week trial came in addition to \$16.8 million in compensatory damages awarded Thursday.

Robinson individually sued Reynolds in 2008 on behalf of her late husband, Michael Johnson Sr., who died in 1996. Her attorneys said the punitive damages are the largest of any individual case stemming from the original class action lawsuit.

The verdict came the same week that Reynolds American Inc., which owns R.J. Reynolds, announced it was purchasing Lorillard Tobacco Co., the country's No. 3 cigarette maker, in a \$25 billion deal. That would create a tobacco company second only in the U.S. to Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc., which owns Philip Morris USA Inc. and is based in Richmond, Virginia.

The deal is expected to close in the first half of 2015 and likely will face regulatory scrutiny.

Anti-smoking advocates hailed the verdict as a reminder of what they called the tobacco industry's history of marketing to children and hiding the truth about their products.

"Wall Street analysts like to say the industry's liability risk is manageable. What this verdict shows is the tobacco industry's risk is far greater than Wall Street analysts would lead investors to believe," said Vince Williams, spokesman for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 21)	\$1.3872
Dollar buys (July 21)	€0.7209
British pound (July 21)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 21)	99.00
South Korean won (July 21)	1,006.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7094
Canada (dollar)	1.0732
China (Yuan)	6.2080
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4288
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Hong Kong (dollar)	\$1.3526/0.7393
Euro (Euro)	0.7504
Germany (dollar)	1.2895
India (Rupee)	65.7500
Japan (Yen)	101.37
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2824
Norway (Krone)	6.1885
Philippines (Peso)	43.53
Poland (Zloty)	3.10
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (dollar)	1.2406
South Korea (Won)	1,030.23
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8980
Thailand (Baht)	32.14
Turkey (Lira)	1.2135
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., currencies of countries other than the U.S.), which with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
6-month bill	0.09
1-year bill	0.09
30-year bond	3.97

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	88	75	Cir	Chattanooga	87	69	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	87	62	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	84	62	Pcldy	Cheyenne	90	62	Pcldy	Fresno	94	67	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	85	61	Pcldy	Chicago	90	68	Pcldy	Goodland	99	67	Pcldy
Albuquerque	86	70	Pcldy	Cincinnati	88	64	Pcldy	Grand Junction	94	66	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	85	61	Pcldy	Cleveland	83	64	Pcldy	Great Falls	81	58	Cir
Anchorage	70	51	Cir	Colorado Springs	93	62	Pcldy	Green Bay	88	65	Cir
Amarillo	96	69	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	85	70	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	85	67	Cir
Annapolis	85	68	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	88	65	Cir	Harrisburg	84	63	Cir
Asheville	77	65	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	88	65	Cir	Hartford-Spfd	83	59	Pcldy
Atlanta	85	70	Cir	Concord, N.H.	82	56	Pcldy	Helen	85	60	Cir
Atlantic City	82	67	Cir	Corpus Christi	96	80	Pcldy	Honolulu	88	77	Cir
Austin	96	75	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	96	74	Pcldy	Houston	97	77	Pcldy
Bakersfield	85	68	Cir	Dayton	87	64	Cir	Huntsville	90	69	Pcldy
Baltimore	93	74	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	89	75	Rain	Indianapolis	88	65	Cir
Bilings	89	61	Cir	Denver	96	64	Pcldy	Jackson, Miss.	91	68	Cir
Birmingham	88	69	Pcldy	Des Moines	93	71	Pcldy	Jacksonville	88	73	Rain
Bismarck	90	64	Rain	Detroit	85	64	Pcldy	Janeau	65	50	Pcldy
Boise	82	70	Cir	Duluth	84	65	Pcldy	Kansas City	92	72	Cir
Boston	75	60	Cir	El Paso	101	79	Cir	Knoxville	87	67	Pcldy
Bridgeport	83	63	Pcldy	Elkins	83	58	Cir	Key West	91	82	Cir
Brownsville	95	79	Pcldy	Erie	80	65	Pcldy	Knoxville	87	67	Pcldy
Buffalo	85	66	Pcldy	Evansville	85	64	Pcldy	Lake Charles	89	77	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	81	68	Cir	Fairbanks	72	47	Cir	Lansing	89	73	Cir
Caribou, Maine	81	58	Cir	Fargo	92	70	Cir	Las Vegas	103	81	Cir
Casper	82	61	Cir	Flagstaff	83	51	Cir	Lexington	88	67	Pcldy
Charleston, S.C.	87	75	Cir	Flint	87	61	Pcldy	Lincoln	98	73	Pcldy
Charlotte, W.Va.	83	63	Cir	Fort Smith	94	69	Cir	Little Rock	91	68	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	81	70	Rain				Los Angeles	78	66	Pcldy	
							Pittsburgh	84	69	Pcldy	
							Raleigh	89	69	Cir	
							Philadelphia	94	67	Cir	
							Phoenix	107	84	Cir	
							Pittsburgh	84	69	Pcldy	
							Portland, Ore.	90	73	Cir	
							Rainbow Beach	86	66	Pcldy	
							San Antonio	95	71	Cir	
							San Diego	73	63	Pcldy	
							San Francisco	86	66	Pcldy	
							San Jose	90	65	Pcldy	
							San Luis Obispo	85	63	Pcldy	
							Seattle	81	63	Pcldy	
							Spokane	81	57	Cir	
							Stockton	85	63	Pcldy	
							Sunnyvale	85	63	Pcldy	
							Tampa	91	77	Rain	
							Tucson	86	66	Pcldy	
							Vallejo	82	56	Pcldy	
							Vancouver	83	66	Cir	
							Washington, D.C.	85	68	Pcldy	
							Wichita	72	57	Cir	
							Wilmington, Del.	84	67	Cir	
							Yonkers	81	63	Pcldy	
							Youngstown	84	61	Cir	

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

**National temperature extremes**

Hi: Sat., 117, Death Valley, Calif.	92	72	Cir
Lo: Sat., 35, Stanley, Idaho, and Old Faithful, Wyo.	81	61	Pcldy

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# OPINION

## The hand that rocks the ballot box

By CATHERINE RAMPPELL

**I**n their denunciations of the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby ruling, Hillary Rodham Clinton and other Democrats have been accused of pandering to single women — the so-called "Beyonce vote" demographic, as one Fox News commentator snickered.

But you know what? If you were running for office, you'd be wooing single ladies, too. After all, we — unlike those democratic deadbeats known as men — show up to vote.

Maybe that's a little harsh. But the truth is that women vote at a higher rate than men do. We have in every presidential election since 1980, and the gap has widened over time. In 2012, the difference in turnout was nearly four percentage points (63.7 percent of ladies voted vs. 59.8 percent of gents). The disparity was more than twice as large if you look just at the girls who have never been married. Girs, it seems, really do run this world.

Why do women exercise this most cherished right of citizenship more than men?

There's no consensus, but political scientists have a few possible theories — including, as it turns out, the Ronald Reagan effect. I'll get to him in a minute.

The first possibility is that women deal with government in their day-to-day lives more than men do. Thanks to the feminization of poverty, women are more dependent on safety-net services such as food stamps and child care subsidies. Even among Americans who aren't poor, though, women are more likely than men to be the primary caregivers, which means they spend more time with teachers, eldercare workers, health care providers and other

folks who are employed, reimbursed or regulated by the government.

But none of this explains why women would outvote men today but not before 1980, given that women were even more likely to be full-time caregivers then.

So maybe changing social norms are the root cause.

"Older generations of women had been socialized pre-suffrage," says Susan Carroll, a senior scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. "Maybe it wasn't proper for women to be involved in politics then," before the personal had officially become political. Second-wave feminists reminded women that political involvement could improve their status in society; after the draft ended, men got no such persistent messaging.

Even today there is a sharp generational divide in voter turnout rates. While women outvote men overall, this is not true within all age groups. There's a flip at Medicare age: For Americans under 65, turnout rates are higher among women. For those over 65, the reverse is true.

Feminists might not be the only ones who nudged women to vote in higher numbers. The Gipper may have had something to do with it, too.

Pre-1980, there was much less differentiation between the parties on what we now call "women issues," partly because Republicans were in many ways more liberal than. Look at Republican Party platforms from the 1970s, and you'll see that the GOP not only endorsed the Equal Rights Amendment but also bragged that it was the first national party to do so. The 1972 platform called for the federal government to develop more child-care services. The

1976 platform pledged to support "part-time and flexible-time work that enables men and women to combine employment and family responsibilities." Even the party's position on abortion was a little mealy-mouthed ("The Republican Party favors a continuance of the public dialogue"), despite ultimately calling for a constitutional ban.

Then, as it lined up behind Reagan in 1980, the GOP pivoted rightward. The platform dropped official support for the ERA, fretted about the destruction of the "traditional American family" and emphasized that the private sector should deal with child-care issues.

"In the past it could be said that there wasn't a sort of winner or loser in terms of the positions you took on women's issues. Gerald Ford was as supportive of women's issues as Jimmy Carter was," says Kathleen Dolan, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. "It wasn't until Reagan that Republicans clearly showed women that there are sides."

Efforts to mobilize the Christian right, too, may have had the unintended effect of also mobilizing women — not only to the polls, but away from the Republican ticket. Besides being the first year that women's turnout exceed men's, 1980 represented another gender-related electoral milestone. In that election and every one since, a greater share of women than men have voted for the Democratic candidate. Which is why today's conservative commentators might do well to stop denigrating women's political preferences and start embracing them.

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## Death penalty fails the human dignity test

By CHARLES J. OGLETREE JR.

**I** have wondered countless times over the past 30 years whether I would live to see the end of the death penalty in the United States. I now know that day will come, and I believe that the current Supreme Court will be its architect.

In its ruling in Hall v. Florida in May, the court — with Justice Anthony Kennedy at the helm — reminded us that the core values underlying the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishments clause is the preservation of human dignity against the affront of unnecessarily harsh punishment. Hall, which prohibited a rigid test in use in Florida for gauging whether a defendant is intellectually disabled, was the most recent in a series of opinions in which the court has juxtaposed retribution — the idea of "vengeance for a wrongdoing, which serves as the chief justification for the death penalty — with a recognition of our hopelessly complex and fallible human nature.

What was important about Hall is the way Kennedy described the logic behind exempting intellectually disabled individuals from execution: "to impose the harshest of punishments on an intellectually disabled person violates his or her inherent dignity as a human being" because the "diminished capacity of the intellectually disabled lessens moral culpability and hence the retributive value of the punishment." Though the court previously barred imposition of the death penalty upon intellectually disabled people, as well as juvenile offenders, Hall marked the first time that it went so far as to claim that imposing the death penalty upon offenders with these kinds of functional impairments serves

"no legitimate penological purpose."

This is why I see an end coming to the death penalty in this country. The overwhelming majority of those facing execution today have what the court termed in Hall to be diminished culpability. Severe functional deficits are the rule, not the exception, among the individuals who populate the nation's death rows. A new study by Robert J. Smith, Stephen Cull and Zoe Robinson, published in Hastings Law Journal, of the social histories of 100 people executed during 2012 and 2013 showed that the vast majority of executed offenders suffered from one or more significant cognitive and behavioral deficits.

One-third of the offenders had intellectual disabilities, borderline intellectual function or traumatic brain injuries, all similarly debilitating impairments. For example, the Texas Department of Corrections determined that Elroy Chester had an IQ of 69. He attended special education classes throughout school and never functioned at a higher level than third grade. The state had previously enrolled Chester into its Mentally Retarded Offenders Program. Despite these findings, Texas executed him on June 12, 2013.

More than half of the 100 had a severe mental illness such as schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder or psychosis. For example, for more than 40 years, Florida's own psychiatrists found that John Ferguson suffered from severe mental illness. Ferguson had a fixed delusion that he was the "Prince of God" who could not be killed and would rise up after his execution and fight alongside Jesus to save the United States from a communist plot. When Ferguson was executed on Aug. 5, 2013,

his last words were: "I just want everyone to know that I am the Prince of God and I will rise again." A Florida court had called Ferguson's delusions "normal Christian beliefs."

Many other executed offenders endured unspeakable abuse as children. Consider Daniel Cook, whose mother drank alcohol and abused drugs while she was pregnant with him. His mother and grandparents molested him as a young child, and his father physically abused him by, for example, lighting a cigarette and using it to burn Daniel's genitals. Eventually the state placed Daniel in foster care, but the abuse didn't stop. A foster parent chained him nude to a bed and raped him while other adults watched from the next room through a one-way mirror. The prosecutor responsible for Cook's death sentence stood behind him during the clemency process, telling authorities that he would have taken the death penalty off of the table had he known of his torturous childhood. Arizona refused to commute Cook's sentence, however, and he died by lethal injection on Aug. 8, 2012.

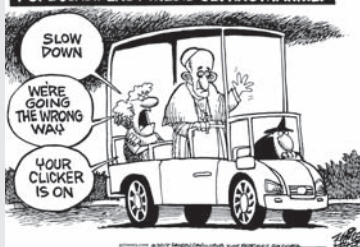
As the execution of Elroy Chester, John Ferguson, Daniel Cook and many more like them illustrates, barring the death penalty for intellectually disabled and juvenile offenders did not solve the death penalty's dignity problem. Rather, those cases gave us cause to look more closely at the people whom we execute. And when you look closely, what you find is that the practice of the death penalty and the commitment to human dignity are not compatible.

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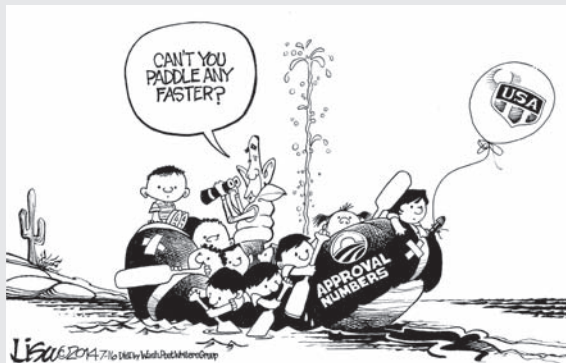
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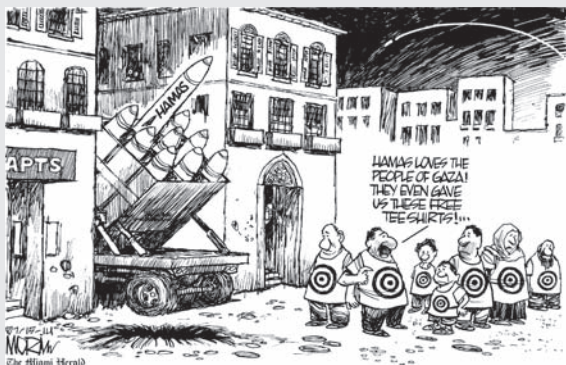
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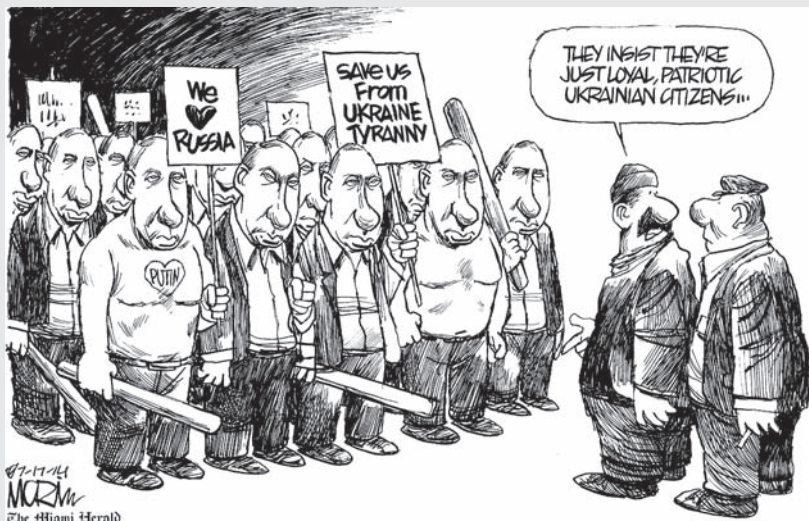
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## MLS/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Along with Seattle Sounders teammates Jalil Anibaba, far left, Clint Dempsey, second from right, and Tristan Bowen far right, Xander Bailey acknowledges fans following a friendly soccer match Saturday against Tottenham Hotspur in Seattle. The match ended in a 3-3 draw. The Sounders signed Bailey, 18, for the match as part of the Make-A-Wish program.

## Roundup

# Seattle gives Make-A-Wish teen shot to play in draw

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Xander Bailey stood at midfield with Seattle star Clint Dempsey at his side Saturday, ready for kickoff against Tottenham.

When the whistle blew, the 18-year-old Bailey — a Make-A-Wish recipient — took the pass from Dempsey, dribbled down the field and took a shot on former U.S. national team goalkeeper Brad Friedel. He was then subbed off in front of 55,349 to a massive ovation while being mobbed by Seattle teammates.

"To give him this opportunity is just fantastic. I saw the look in his eyes and you could just tell he was overwhelmed and he was so appreciative," Seattle coach Sigi Schmid said. "It makes for a day I know he will never forget. Our guys won't forget it either because it impacts us. We see what it means to him and being able to help to that regard and be part of that sort of situation is unique and special for us as well."

Bailey took part in training with the Sounders on Friday, and the club made sure his experience was special. Bailey walked out with the team during pregame ceremonies and was introduced as part of the starting lineup.

Bailey is a native of Bluefield, W. Va., and has been playing as a midfielder for the King's Warriors PDL Reserve team. ESPN announcers said during Saturday's broadcast that Bailey suffers from cystic fibrosis.

Oswaldo Alonso beat Friedel from 30 yards early in the second half as Seattle tied Tottenham 3-3 in the first match for new Spurs

manager Mauricio Pochettino.

Tottenham began its preseason North America tour facing former striker Dempsey and his new club. Dempsey left Tottenham to sign with the Sounders last August.

Alonso's goal off a loose ball zipped past Friedel and hit the underside of the crossbar before bouncing in the net. The goal gave Seattle a 2-1 lead, but Roberto Soldado converted a penalty kick in the 55th after he was fouled in the penalty area.

Tristan Bowen put the Sounders ahead 3-2 in the 79th minute when he tapped in a cross from Sean Okoli, but U.S. national team defender DeAndre Yedlin was called for a handball in the penalty area moments later and Yago Falque converted the penalty kick.

**Real Salt Lake 1, Whitecaps 1:** Joao Plata scored in the 81st minute to give host Salt Lake a draw. Plata got the ball out wide from Kyle Beckerman, took one touch to get inside the penalty area, and sent a blast to the far post.

Real Salt Lake (7-4-8) has won just once in eight matches, but kept Vancouver (6-4-9) from getting its first win in Utah in six attempts.

**Toronto Fc 2, Dynamo 2:** Dominic Odoro scored in stoppage time before the end of the first half and visiting Toronto earned a tie.

Toronto (7-5-5) extended its undefeated streak to three games and Houston's winless streak reached eight games.

**FC Dallas 2, Revolution 0:** Andres Escobar and Tesho Akindele

scored and host Dallas handed New England its seventh-consecutive loss.

FC Dallas (8-7-5) ran its undefeated streak to five games and handed New England (7-10-2) its longest losing streak in the post-shootout era.

**Union 1, Fire 1:** Sebastian Le Toux scored on a penalty kick in the 91st minute and visiting Philadelphia came back to tie.

Le Toux was awarded the penalty kick after Gonzalo Segares was called for a hand ball inside the penalty area. Segares turned his back on Le Toux's shot, but the ball hit his right arm. Le Toux calmly slotted home the penalty kick inside the left post, past a diving Sean Johnson.

**Crew 2, Impact 1:** Bernardo Anor scored twice and host Columbus ended a seven-game winless streak.

Columbus (5-7-8) drew within a point of the final playoff spot in the East.

**Earthquakes 1, Red Bulls 1:** Steven Lenhart scored his first goal of the season in the 85th minute and visiting San Jose rallied for a draw.

Lenhart took advantage of a failed clearance by New York inside the penalty area. He controlled a deflected ball and sent in a shot off the hand of goalkeeper Luis Robles to tie the game at 1-1.

**Sporting KC 2, Galaxy 1:** Benny Feilhaber and Lawrence Olum both had goals for host Kansas City.

Sporting (10-5-5) extended its unbeaten streak to six games, while Galaxy's eight-game unbeaten streak was broken.

## Gurley: 2,000 yards 'would be awesome'

By JOHN ZENOR  
The Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. — Todd Gurley downplays talk of being a potential Heisman Trophy candidate, but the Georgia running back can't contain a smile at the mention of one milestone that's probably unrealistic.

What would it be like to run for 2,000 yards like Boston College's Andre Williams did last season?

"If I could get 2,000 yards, that would be awesome," Gurley said Thursday at Southeastern Conference media days. "If the Lord would bless me with that, oh my gosh. That's going to be pretty hard to get in the SEC."

Pretty hard to do at Georgia, too, with a backfield that also includes Keith Marshall and other highly recruited backs. But a player can dream.

Gurley was one of numerous key Bulldogs players who were injured during an 8-5 season. He missed three games but still flirted with 1,000 yards and has run for 2,374 yards and 27 touchdowns in two seasons.

He and Alabama's T.J. Yeldon are the marquee tailbacks in a league that's short on experienced quarterbacks but has three 1,000-yard rushers returning from last season, not even counting Gurley or Auburn quarterback Nick Marshall.

There's also Arkansas' Alex Collins and South Carolina's Mike Davis among others. It's a deep group in a season when Georgia and other teams are breaking in new starting quarterbacks.

Gurley was asked if there's a friendly competition among the running backs.

"Who wouldn't want to lead the SEC in rushing yards?" he said. "I just go out there and do my game. I don't worry about what other people do. I definitely respect their game and I definitely watch their tapes. I show respect, but it's not really a competition."

Star running backs like Au-

burn Heisman finalist Tre Mason and LSU's Jeremy Hill have joined the trend of SEC running backs leaving early for the NFL. Gurley will be eligible after this season.

**'Who wouldn't want to lead the SEC in rushing yards?'**

Todd Gurley  
Georgia RB

"Whether Todd stays another year or not, I don't know," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "But if he stays healthy, I think he's one of the better players in America, no doubt about it. Hopefully he stays healthy."

"I see that he's getting into great condition. If we continue to get him in great condition for this season, I think the sky's the limit for him."

Gurley doesn't think he'll necessarily shoulder more of the offensive load with the departure of prolific quarterback Aaron Murray. Hutson Mason has taken the reins after starting the final two games after Murray sustained a knee injury.

"Hutson's a great quarterback," Gurley said. "He's going to throw and he's going to lead this team. We're going to run the same offense that we always do."

As for the Heisman, he said that's "just for the fans" and more of a team thing. Becoming a contender might depend not only on Gurley staying healthy but on the Bulldogs' fortunes after falling hard from a No. 5 preseason ranking during an injury-riddled 2013.

"You have to be on a great team," Gurley said. "You can't be on an 8-5 team and expect to win the Heisman because it's definitely not going to happen. If I was able to reach that goal I would definitely love to have it."

"It would be because of my teammates."



BUTCH DILL/AP

Georgia football Todd Gurley speaks at the Southeastern Conference football media days Thursday in Hoover, Ala.

## AUTO RACING

# F1 leader Rosberg wins German GP

By CLARAN FAHEY  
The Associated Press

HOCKENHEIM, Germany — Nico Rosberg won the German Grand Prix on Sunday to stretch his lead in the Formula One drivers' championship over Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton, who finished third after starting 20th.

"It's an amazing feeling to win at home. It's a very special day," said Rosberg, who led throughout to become the first German to triumph at Hockenheim since Michael Schumacher won in 2006.

Hamilton, who crashed in qualifying and survived a number of scrapes throughout the race, could not pass Valtteri Bottas in the closing laps and the Finn took second to give Williams its 300th F1 podium finish.

"It was not easy and required input from all the engineers. Thanks to all the fans. I saw many Finnish flags so thank you," Bottas said.

Hamilton was pushed back to the penultimate row of the grid due to his qualifying crash and a penalty for changing his gearbox, but threaded his way through the field despite a broken front wing caused by a collision with former teammate Jenson Button of McLaren.

His super-soft tires wore quickly in his final stint and he did not have the grip to get past Bottas. Rosberg leads Hamilton by 14 points going into next weekend's race in Hungary.

Four-time defending champ Sebastian Vettel was fourth, ahead of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso who won his exciting battle with Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo for fifth.

Alonso and Force India's Nico Hulkenberg, who finished seventh, are the only drivers to have scored points of each of the ten races so far this season, and the Spaniard's points finish means Ferrari has finished in the points for 77 consecutive races.

There was a collision at the first corner between Kevin Magnussen's McLaren and Felipe Massa's Williams, which flipped over and slid across the run-off area in a shower of sparks.

The McLaren also left the track

and Ricciardo had to steer wide around them to avoid the damage, dropping him down to 15th and compromising his race.

Magnussen had to pit to repair damage to his left front tire but Massa's race was over. The Brazilian emerged unhurt from the car to cheers from the crowd.

"I'm okay. The accident was a little bit more scary watching than being inside. I just saw everything the other way around, but I am fine," Massa said. "I am so disappointed at what happened. It's another race and another car that has pushed me out and finished my race. With a car that that is very competitive and fast that's so disappointing."

Massa said the Danish driver was at fault although a stewards' review found no wrongdoing.

"I was in front and doing the corner in front. If someone needs to watch, it's the car behind," Massa said.

It was looking like it could be another 1-2 for Mercedes as Hamilton quickly worked his way through the field. The Briton hit Kimi Raikkonen's Ferrari to overtake both the Finn and Ricciardo in a brave move at the hairpin on lap 13. A piece of Raikkonen's front fender flew into the air.

On lap 30, Hamilton tried to overtake Button on the hairpin but damaged his left-front wing and that proved critical in finishing third rather than second.

"I do as good as I could. It was hard to get through the pack safely and I had a little bit of a collision with Jenson," Hamilton said.

"I thought he was going to open the door which he has done a couple of times lately but that was my bad judgment."

Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat retired on lap 46 when his car burst into flames. The Russian was visibly annoyed, hitting a barrier in frustration.

Adrian Sutil of Sauber spun on lap 50 of 67 and stalled in the middle of the start-finish straight.

The race director had to make a big decision on whether to bring out the safety car, which would have pulled Rosberg back to the field, or let the race continue, and he chose the latter even though it took a couple of laps before they moved the car.

"That would have made it more difficult," a relieved Rosberg acknowledged.

Rosberg had previously not finished higher than eighth place at Hockenheim, in 2010.



NAM Y. HUN/AP

Chase Elliott celebrates with teammates in Victory Lane after winning Saturday's NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

## Elliott holds on at Chicago

### Rookie moves atop Nationwide standings with third victory

By JAY COHEN  
The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Chase Elliott is proving to be a quick study. A few questions for his teammates and a couple practice laps, and he was ready to roll in his first race at Chicagoland Speedway.

Elliott held off Trevor Bayne to earn his third Nationwide Series win of the season Saturday night, putting the rookie on top of the standings.

"We had an awesome race going," Elliott said. "I try to make the most of my practice laps. They gave me a good car. That gives me time to learn the track in practice."

Elliott had a strong car all day long for JR Motorsports, qualifying third and leading a race-high 85 laps. Bayne tried to chase him down on fresh tires in the final laps, but ran out of time.

"The gap was closing," Bayne said. "Probably 10 more laps, but we'll never know."

Elliott, the son of former NASCAR champion Bill Elliott, also won in his first trips to Texas and Darlington this year. He leads the standings by seven points over Regan Smith.

Chase Elliott said Smith and Kasey Kahne provided some im-

portant advice about the track.

"I did have some questions that I asked, and I definitely think that helped tonight," he said. "So thankful to have a couple great teammates and good to have something to lean back on with those guys."

Kyle Larson was third, followed by Kahne and Ty Dillon to round out the top five.

Brian Scott, who started on the pole, finished sixth and earned \$100,000 in the second event of the four-race "Dash 4 Cash" bonus program.

Kahne and Larson were the lone Sprint Cup regulars in the field on an off weekend for NASCAR's top series. Everyone comes back to Chicagoland in September on the same weekend that the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship begins at the 1.52-mile oval.

The night began with a pair of Richard Childress Racing teammates in front after Scott and Dillon had the best showing in qualifying. It was Scott's second pole of the season and No. 4 for his career. He won his first Nationwide Series pole at Chicagoland on Sept. 17, 2011.

Scott led for 20 laps before Elliott moved in front.

Erik Jones finished seventh in his Nationwide debut, driving Joe Gibbs Racing's No. 20 Toyota.

The 18-year-old Jones won the Truck Series race last week at Iowa in the No. 51 Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota he shares with Busch. Jones also won a Truck race last year in Phoenix.

Jones is expected to make two more Nationwide starts in Matt Kenseth's car this season.

"It was definitely a learning experience for me and everybody involved," he said. "I feel like I learned a lot the whole night and really picked up on some things that will help me through the next couple."

Jones got some advice from Busch in preparation for his first run in the series.

"A lot of what we talked about was working through traffic and it definitely helped out," Jones said. "It was something I was able to apply right away tonight and use to my advantage."

Smith, who led the series standings by eight points over Elliott Sadler coming into the day, started 15th after a disappointing qualifying session, and it just got worse during the race. He never got into the mix on his way to 16th place.

It was similar to last year, when Smith was on top of the series heading into the first stop at Chicagoland, then slid into the infield on Lap 129 and finished 13th.

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## NFL

# Unemployment line

## Lots of big names still without teams

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — MISSING: A handful of former NFL stars.

**REWARD:** An opportunity to help a team and revive a once-flourishing career.

With NFL training camps about to open, several big-name players are still unemployed, waiting anxiously, wondering when—or if—they'll get a call.

Here's a look at a few familiar unsigned free agents:

**Josh Freeman:** Talk about a turn of events. Once considered a potential franchise quarterback for Tampa Bay, Freeman was benched last season in favor of rookie Mike Glennon, then released. He signed with the Vikings, was terrible in his one start and finished the season as Minnesota's third-stringer. The Giants signed him in the offseason as insurance for Eli Manning, but cut him in May.

**Santonio Holmes:** Tone Time might be running out. The Super Bowl MVP with the Steelers in 2009, the 30-year-old Holmes was terrific in his first two seasons after being traded to the Jets in 2010. But he has just 43 catches in 15 games over the last two years after suffering a serious foot injury in 2012 and missing five games last season with a hamstring problem.

**Richie Incognito:** He'll always be known for his role in the harassment of former teammate Jonathan Martin, another offensive lineman last season. Incognito

was suspended and missed the final eight games with Miami. At 31, it might be tough for the guard to find a suitor.

**Ed Reed:** A year ago, the newly signed Reed was considered a key piece of the Texans' improved defense. But he underwent hip surgery in the offseason, missed the first two games, then lost his starting job at safety. Reed was released after seven games, but reunited with Rex Ryan in New York and had three interceptions in seven games with the Jets. He'll be 36 in September.

**Asante Samuel:** Helped the Patriots to two Super Bowls early in his career as one of the league's top ballhawking cornerbacks. After four seasons with the Eagles, they traded him to the Falcons in 2012. Samuel is 33, but still productive — although he was limited to 11 games last season.

**Tim Tobow:** Sure, many critics might have written him off and he's got a TV gig with the SEC Network. But as long as the polarizing quarterback is still available, plenty will wonder if anyone will sign him. After a failed 2012 with the Jets, he spent last summer in camp with the Patriots before being cut.

**Eric Winston:** The 30-year-old right tackle has started 119 consecutive games, spanning his first six NFL seasons with the Texans, a season in Kansas City and last year in Arizona. He wasn't re-signed by the Cardinals, and some wonder if the lack of interest is due in part to Winston becoming president of the NFL Players Association.



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Despite picking off three passes in seven games with the Jets at the end of last season, 36-year-old safety Ed Reed remains a free agent as the season approaches.

## NFL to restrict evaluations of underclassmen



MARK DUNCAN/AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel runs the ball during minicamp at the team's facility in Berea, Ohio. Manziel was one of the record 107 underclassmen who applied for this year's NFL Draft.

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The NFL will limit the number of underclassmen who can receive evaluations for the draft to five from a single school, although special exceptions will be allowed.

Concerned about the record 107 underclassmen who applied for this year's Draft, and with 37 of them not selected, the league's College Advisory Committee developed new guidelines for players considering forfeiting their final years of eligibility.

Troy Vincent, the league's head of football operations, said Friday the underclassmen will be advised on their potential to be picked in the first or second round. They also could be advised to stay in school.

Previous assessments dealt with the first through third rounds, and whether a player had no potential of being selected.

"When you look at our accuracy rate, we did a good job evaluating first- and second-round picks," Vincent told SiriusXM NFL Radio. "Below — the third, fourth and fifth rounds — a lot of these players were not getting drafted. It's better for these young men to remain a student-athlete for another year."

Only two schools, LSU and California, had more than five underclassmen in this year's Draft. Six of LSU's seven players were

chosen, while only two of the six from Cal were drafted.

Qualifications for an exception will be taken on a case-by-case basis by the NFL committee.

Vincent emphasized the league is not prohibiting underclassmen from entering the Draft, but "we want them to make an informed decision."

He added that the basketball model in which players beyond their first year of eligibility can enter the NBA draft and then withdraw as long as they don't hire an agent would not work for the NFL. Vincent fears "everybody would test the water every year" under a similar system applying to college players whose high school graduation class has completed its third year of college.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said at the SEC media days this week that "it's getting overwhelming" for the NFL's evaluation committee. The Crimson Tide had 11 players ask for evaluations after last season.

"A guy is going to get a first-round grade, a second-round grade or a stay-in-school grade," Saban said. "Look, all these players that went out for the Draft, that went out for the draft late, or didn't get drafted, they were potential Draft picks next year. They're not in the Draft next year. They're not playing college football either."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Nibali has Tour lead entering rest day

The Associated Press

NIMES, France — Alexander Kristoff of Norway captured his second stage win of this year's Tour de France by leading a pack that dramatically overtook two breakaway riders with only about 50 meters left in Stage 15 on Sunday.

Vincenzo Nibali finished in the main pack to keep the overall lead.

After two days in the Alps, Sunday's stage offered some relief over a flat 222 kilometers (138 miles) from Tallard, southeast France's parachuting capital, toward the city of Nimes — known for its Roman arena and bullfighting.

Kristoff, a Katusha rider who also won Stage 12, lifted a start after leading a bunch of sprinters who surged ahead of the two breakaways — Swiss champion Martin Elmiger and Jack Bauer of New Zealand — who had the stage virtually since the start's gun.

"It was a little bit late for comfort. It was very close," said Kristoff. "I thought I would be second ... we turned on the gas."

Bauer tapped his head on his helmet, sighed heavily, leaned over his bike and burst into tears after failing to win. In the last few hundred meters, he left Elmiger behind.

But the pack, which timed its creep up on the duo to perfection, was just too strong. By the time the New Zealander, pedaling with his last remaining strength, looked back a last time, they were already zooming by. He ended up finishing the stage in 10th place. Elmiger was 16th.

Nibali, who crossed in the pack, kept his main rivals at bay in the stage. He is 4:37 ahead of Spain's Alejandro Valverde in second, and 4:50 ahead of France's Ro-



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

The pack rides in a downpour during the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 222 kilometers (137.9 miles) with start in Tallard and finish in Nimes, France, on Sunday.

main Bardet in third.

Riders take a second rest day on Monday.

## Bills place DT Dareus on non-football injury list

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Marcell Dareus won't be ready for the start of training camp after he was placed on the active/non-football injury list.

The move was made Saturday, a day before the Bills hold their first practice in suburban Rochester. The team did not say why he was placed on the list.

It's the latest setback for Dareus, who is already dealing with two off-field legal matters.

In early May, Dareus was arrested in Alabama and charged with possession of synthetic marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Four weeks later, he crashed his 2012 Jaguar into a tree and was charged with reckless endangerment and ticketed for several traffic violations, including

drag-racing.

Guard J.J. 'Unga' was also placed on the active/non-football injury list. Starting cornerback Leodis McKelvin was cleared for practice.

## Wozniacki defeats Vinci to win Istanbul Cup title

ISTANBUL — Caroline Wozniacki overpowered second-seeded Roberta Vinci 6-1, 6-1 Sunday to win the Istanbul Cup final and clinch her first WTA title of the year.

Top-seeded Wozniacki needed only 67 minutes against the 24th-ranked Italian at the hard-court Koza World of Sport Complex. Wozniacki won 76 percent of points on her first serve — compared to just 43 percent for Vinci — and also saved all six break points against her.

The two players are now 2-2 in head-to-heads with Vinci beating the Dane when she was the top-ranked player in 2011.

The 24-year-old Wozniacki,

now ranked 15th, has won at least one WTA title every year since 2008.

Other tennis news:

■ Leonardo Mayer upset top-seeded David Ferrer of Spain 6-7 (3), 6-1, 7-6 (4) Sunday in the Hamburg Open final for the Argentine's first ATP title.

■ BASTAD, Sweden (AP) — Germany's Mona Barthel beat Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa 6-3, 7-6 (3) in the final to win the Swedish Open in Bastad Sweden.

## Clippers re-sign forward Glen Davis

LOS ANGELES — Big Baby is staying with the Los Angeles Clippers.

The team said Saturday that it has re-signed Glen Davis, who averaged 4.2 points and 3.0 rebounds in 23 games last season, when he joined the Clippers at the end of February.

The 28-year-old free-agent forward has also played for Orlando

and Boston, where he and current Clippers coach Doc Rivers won the NBA championship in 2008.

## James undecided on jersey number

CLEVELAND — LeBron James has to make another big decision.

The NBA superstar turned to social media Friday to help him choose which number he'll wear next season with the Cavaliers. James wrote "6 or 23..." on his Twitter account and posted photos on Instagram of him wearing No. 6 and No. 23 wine and gold Cavs jerseys.

James wore No. 6 during his four seasons with Miami and also on the U.S. Olympic team. He used No. 23 in high school and during seven seasons in Cleveland.

James has had the top-selling jersey in the NBA six times during his career.



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## MLB

## Roundup

## Hamels, Rollins help Phillies edge Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA—Cole Hamels held the Braves to four hits through seven innings, Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run homer, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Atlanta 2-1 on Saturday night.

Hamels (4-5) won for the second time in three starts, giving up one run, striking out nine and walking none. He threw 71 of 95 pitches for strikes.

Rollins' 12th homer, coming off reliever Shae Simmons (1-1), made it 2-0 in the seventh.

Atlanta, which had a three-game winning streak snapped, cut its deficit to 2-1 in the seventh inning on Chris Johnson's RBI double.

Jonathan Papelbon earned his 21st save in 23 chances, needing only five pitches.

Grady Sizemore went 3-for-4 and scored on Rollins' homer.

**Blue Jays 4, Rangers 1:** Marcus Stroman (5-2) gave up four hits in seven shutout innings to snap a three-start winless streak, and Dan Johnson had two RBIs as host Toronto won for the first time in four games.

**Red Sox 2, Royals 1:** Rubby De La Rosa (3-2) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings as the defending World Series champions won for the sixth time in seven games.

Mike Napoli hit a tiebreaking homer that cleared a billboard atop the Green Monster and completely left the park in the sixth.

**Rays 5, Twins 1:** At Minneapolis, David Price (10-7) gave up four hits in eight scoreless innings to win five straight starts for the first time in his major league career. He walked none and struck out nine to increase his major league-leading total to 173.

## Scoreboard

## FROM PAGE 28

Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2									
Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
DGordn 2b	3	0	1	0	McWright 3b	3	1	0	0
Criveld Jr 1b	3	0	0	0	Morgan 2b	4	1	2	0
Adrian 1b	3	0	0	0	Waller 1b	3	0	0	0
Kemp ph-cf	10	0	0	0	Bries ph-cf	10	0	0	0
HMRz ss	4	0	1	0	Madons 1b	4	1	2	0
Adrian 1b	3	0	0	0	JBerets ss	1	0	0	0
VinSy ch-rf	4	0	1	0	Tavers rf	2	0	0	0
Uribe 3b	3	0	0	0	Ellis ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Mahnp p	0	0	0	0	Kottars c	2	0	0	0
Greink p	0	0	0	0	Greink p	0	0	0	0
Greink p	0	0	0	0	Jay ch-rf	0	0	0	0
Jutrr 3b	0	1	0	0	Sfrmn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	2	0	TCruz ph-c	1	0	0	0
Los Angeles	001	000	002	0	St. Louis	000	000	004	2
D.Gordon (3), C.Gordon (6), M.Carpenter (9), DP—Los Angeles 2, St. Louis 3, LOB—Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 8, DP—D.Gordon (15), Wong (8), HR—MaAdams (12), SB—D.Gordon (4), Bourjos (6), Jay (5), S—Bourjos, SF—C.Hawford.									
Los Angeles									
Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Greinke L11-6	5%	6	4	4	5	3	0	0	0
Madons 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Phelps 1b	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
St. Louis									
St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
J.Kelly WJ-8	7	4	1	1	4	7	4	1	1
S.Freese H-1	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1
Neshik H15	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Renz Jr 3B-34	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
HRB—by J.Kelly (Pulg), WP—J.Kelly (2-3-02), A—43,922 (45,399).									

**White Sox 4, Astros 3:** At Chicago, Tyler Flowers had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth.

**Orioles 8, Athletics 4:** Adam Jones matched his career high of five RBIs to back Chen Wei-yin as visiting Baltimore beat Oakland.

Jones hit a three-run home run in the first and had a two-run single in the fourth.

**Mariners 3, Angels 2 (12):** Logan Morrison hit a go-ahead RBI double during Seattle's two-run 12th as the visiting Mariners hung on to beat Los Angeles.

The AL West rivals played extra innings for the second straight night, less than 24 hours after the Angels won the series opener 3-2 in 16 innings.

**Pirates 3, Rockies 2 (11):** Jordy Mercer doubled home Neil Walker with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift host Pittsburgh over Colorado.

Walker led off the inning with a single against Chad Bettis (0-2), moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, and scored one batter later when Mercer hit a drive deep into the gap in left-center.

**Padres 6, Mets 0:** All-Star Tyson Ross threw seven shutout innings as light-hitting San Diego smacked three homers in a victory that ended visiting New York's four-game winning streak.

**Giants 5, Marlins 3:** At Miami, San Francisco All-Star Tim Lincecum pitched into the eighth inning and got the run support he needed from Hunter Pence and Pablo Sandoval.

**Diamondbacks 9, Cubs 3:** Miguel Montero hit a go-ahead, three-run double in the fifth and Paul Goldschmidt added a two-run homer as host Arizona routed the Chicago Cubs.

## Padres 6, Mets 0

New York									
New York	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs rf	4	0	1	0	Amarst ss	4	1	0	0
DnMpr 2b	4	0	1	0	Headly 3b	4	1	2	1
Dwight 3b	4	0	0	0	Smitth 1b	4	0	0	0
Duda 1b	4	0	1	0	Grandt 1b	4	1	2	1
dAdm c	4	0	1	0	Venale rf	3	1	1	1
Wheats ss	3	0	0	0	Neftci ph-rf	0	0	0	0
Lagars cf	4	0	1	0	CNelson 2b	3	0	0	0
Tejeda ss	4	0	0	0	Moyn 1b	3	0	0	0
Geep p	0	0	0	0	Rivers c	3	0	1	0
EYong ph	0	0	0	0	Tkacz p	2	0	0	0
Clings p	0	0	0	0	Goert ph	1	0	0	0
Carlyle p	0	0	0	0	Atorres p	0	0	0	0
Edging p	0	0	0	0	Chirps p	0	0	0	0
Black p	0	0	0	0	Boyer p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	5	0	Totals	32	6	4	0
New York									
New York	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
E-Nieuwenhuis (1), C.Nelson (1), DP—San Diego 1, LOB—New York 7, San Diego 2, 2B—Dan Murphy (24), Headley (11), HR—S.Mitchell (1), Grandal (8), BB—5, CS—E.Young (4).									
New York									
New York	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Jay L-2	5	5	4	4	0	8	1	0	0
C.Torres	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Carlyle	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Edging	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Black	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego									
San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Dress WJ-10	7	4	0	0	3	6	1	0	0
A.Torres	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Quackenbush	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boyer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PB—d'Arnaud 2, T—2, 41, A—42,702 (42,302).									



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Cleveland's Michael Brantley greets teammates after scoring on a three-run double by Carlos Santana during the ninth inning in the second game of a doubleheader against Detroit on Saturday.

## Indians trim Tigers' lead

Cleveland sweeps DH in Detroit, is within 4 1/2 games in AL Central

By LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Cleveland Indians are rolling out of the All-Star break, cutting into Detroit's previously comfortable lead in the AL Central.

Carlos Santana hit a tiebreaking, bases-clearing double with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Cleveland Indians to a 5-2 win over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday night that sealed a sweep of the doubleheader.

The Indians have won four straight, three in a row at Detroit, to pull within 4 1/2 games of the AL Central-leading Tigers.

"It's all about making the push, little by little," Chris Dickerson said after hitting a pair of solo homers off Max Scherzer.

Cleveland won the first game a 6-2 thanks in large part to Corey Kluber's strong outing.

Dickerson sent two of Scherzer's pitches — in the third and sixth innings — over walls to give Cleveland a 2-1 lead in the second game of the day-night doubleheader.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner said Dickerson became the first player in his career to hit one of his curveballs over a fence in the major leagues.

"He's a good enough hitter that he's going to capitalize," Scherzer said.

Cleveland acquired Dickerson earlier this month in a trade with the Pittsburgh Pirates for a player to be named or cash to add depth while Michael Bourn is out with a strained left hamstring.

The 32-year-old journeyman entered the game hitless in nine at-bats against Scherzer.

"Just coming out here and getting the chance to play every day, it's a confidence booster," Dickerson said.

The Tigers tied it in the seventh when Austin Jackson hit a two-out triple to score Eugenio Suarez from first after he beat a throw on a potential double play to extend the inning.

The Indians loaded the bases in the ninth against Joe Nathan (4-3) with Roberto Perez's leadoff double, Jason Kipnis' walk and Michael Brantley's free pass and Santana took advantage, sending a pitch off the right-center wall after it popped out of Jackson's

glove to turn a 3-all game into a 6-3 lead.

"I rushed my glove up to try and make the catch," Jackson recalled. "I missed it, and hit the wall."

Carlos Carrasco (3-3) pitched a perfect eighth and Cody Allen closed the game for his 13th save in 14 chances, but Indians manager Terry Francona was not in the mood to celebrate.

"We've got to show up in about 10 hours," he said late Saturday night.

Scherzer gave up six hits, a season-high matching four walks and two runs — both to Cleveland's No. 9 hitter — over 5 1/2 innings that included a season-high 118 pitches. He pitched with neck spasms.

"There's no excuses on ailments," Scherzer said, adding he's not concerned the problem will linger.

Detroit's Ian Krol and Joba Chamberlain combined to pitch 2 1/2 innings of scoreless relief before Nathan gave up two hits, two walks — one intentional — and struck out two in the pivotal ninth.

Zach McAllister, the 26th man on the roster for the doubleheader, allowed only one run on three hits and three walks while striking out six in 5 1/2 innings. John Axford inherited Miguel Cabrera on second base and allowed him to get to third on a wild pitch, then stranded him by striking out J.D. Martinez and Torii Hunter to end the inning. Scott Atchison likely would have gotten out of the seventh inning without giving up a run if Kipnis did not appear to bobble the ball on a potential double play at second base that allowed Suarez to reach and later score on Jackson's triple.

The Indians could lean on their bullpen in the nightcap because Kluber pitched so well in the first game. He came within an out of a complete game, striking out 10 to lift the Indians to a 6-2 win in the opener.

Kluber allowed seven hits — three by Miguel Cabrera — and equaled his career high of 114 pitches. Bryan Shaw finally relieved him, but with another game still to come, Cleveland didn't have to use anyone else out of its bullpen.

"That was the only guy we warmed up," Francona said. "That really helps."

Kluber (10-6) has thrown one complete game in his career, on April 24 against Kansas City. Drew VerHagen (0-1) allowed three runs and five hits, lasting five innings in his major league debut.

## MLB

# Nats knock out Garza in first

By HARVEY VALENTINE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Milwaukee manager Ron Roenicke thought starter Matt Garza threw some good pitches Saturday night. They certainly were good for Washington to hit.

Garza was knocked out in the first inning of his shortest major league start, and Ryan Zimmerman and Wilson Ramos drove in three runs apiece to lead the Nationals over the Brewers 8-3.

"Call it what you want, man, just wasn't a good day," Garza said.

Garza (6-7) faced eight batters and got just one out, allowing four singles, a double and two walks in the shortest of his 211 regular-season big league starts dating to 2013. His previous low was 1-3 innings at the Marlins on June 18, 2010, according to STATS.

"He didn't throw the ball that bad," Roenicke said. "It's a shame you make good pitches and they did a good job fouling them off, and they did a good job reaching out and putting balls in play."

Garza had been 4-2 with a 2.35 ERA in his previous eight outings, but Saturday's effort caused his season ERA to rise from 3.69 to 4.04. He dropped to 0-3 with a 7.33 ERA in six career starts against the Nationals.

He was lifted after 42 pitches. "He had one out. So we were going get up to 50 pitches and none of us are comfortable with him going 50," Roenicke said.

Tanner Roark (9-6) gave up one run and six hits in seven innings with five strikeouts. In his first full season as a starter, he has allowed two earned runs or fewer in 13 of 19 outings.

"It's a lot weight off my shoulders whenever we get five runs in the first," he said.

Roark took over the team lead in wins, one ahead of Doug Fister.

Against a Milwaukee team that Washington manager Matt Wil-

liams said hits both fastballs and curveballs well, Roark relied more on his slider than his curve.

"I actually changed my grip on it, so that helped out a lot," Roark said, adding he learned the grip from Jordan Zimmermann. "I've been able to throw it a lot harder."

Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer in the eighth for the Brewers, tied with St. Louis atop the NL Central.

Denard Span led off the first with a single and, after Anthony Rendon struck out, Werth blooped a double to right.

Adam LaRoche's walked loaded the bases, and Zimmermann bounced a single up the middle for a 2-0 lead.

"I felt fine. Nothing felt off," Garza said. "Just ... started off the game with a gem-shot single. ... Another bad break, and then Zim hit a four-hopper up the middle."

Bryce Harper's eight-pitch walk reloaded the bases, Ian Desmond's dribbler for an infield single drove in a run and Ramos chased Garza with a two-run single. Ramos is 24-for-61 (.393) with nine RBIs in his last 17 games.

"You want to be aggressive and you've got an opportunity for a crooked number there," Williams said. "I think the big at bat there was Wilson's. He got behind, got to two strikes, and got a slider out. That's a big cushion there."

Milwaukee got a run in the second when Jonathan Lucroy doubled, stole third and scored when Ramos's throw skipped into left field for third first of two errors by the catcher.

Run-scoring singles by Ramos in the third and Zimmerman in the fourth made it 7-1 against Marco Estrada, who pitched 5 2-3 innings of relief. Zimmermann is 26-for-75 (.347) with 17 RBIs since June 24.

LaRoche added a sacrifice fly in the sixth.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

The Cardinals' Matt Holliday, left, gets back to second on a failed pickoff attempt as Dodgers shortstop Hanley Ramirez covers during the first inning on Saturday in St. Louis.

## Cards' 4-run first tops LA

By STEVE OVERBEY  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — After stumbling in his first start following three months on the disabled list, Joe Kelly tinkered with his mechanics.

Kelly bounced back with seven strong innings and Matt Adams homered in a four-run first as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 Saturday to send All-Star Zack Greinke to losses in consecutive regular-season starts for the first time in nearly four years.

Kelly (2-1) gave up four hits over seven innings, retiring his last 13 batters as the Cardinals won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Kelly didn't get a decision on July 11 in his return from a strained left hamstring, when he gave up six runs over three innings during the Cardinals' 7-6 win at Milwaukee. After winning for the first time since April 5, he wouldn't detail his changes.

"I did a lot of stuff different, but I'm not going to give it away," he said. "If you watch the video, you can probably tell."

Kelly induced 12 groundouts and got out of trouble with double plays in each of the first two innings.

"I was just trying to mix up pitches and hide stuff better," he said.

St. Louis manager Mike Matheny was impressed with Kelly's ability to keep the ball down.

"I thought it was one of his better pitching performances," Matheny said. "There were times when I even thought his changeup was a breaking ball. It has so much depth to it. So his secondary pitches were on."

The Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez thought Kelly had great pitch location.

"He didn't throw any balls in the middle of the plate," he said. "He kept throwing his fastballs right on the corner. There weren't any pitches to drive."

Trevor Rosenthal, the Cardinals' third reliever, got his 30th save in 34 chances when Andre Ethier grounded into a game-ending double play.

Coming off a July 9 defeat at Detroit, Greinke (11-6) walked a season-high five and gave up four runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He had not lost back-to-back starts in the regular season since Sept. 20 and 25, 2010, for Kansas City, according to STATS.

Greinke did lose his regular-season finale against Colorado last year and was beaten by Atlanta in his first postseason start.

"Too many mistakes in one inning," Greinke said. "I've been doing that too much lately, getting behind in a game too early. I need to find a way to be better right from the get-go."

## McCarthy gets 1st win with Yankees

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brandon McCarthy's wife had more trouble sloggaging through Yankee Stadium traffic than he did during the Cincinnati Reds.

McCarthy earned his first win for New York with an impressive debut in pinstripes, and Brett Gardner drove in three runs from the leadoff spot to send the Yankees past the Reds 7-1 on Saturday.

Told his wife, Amanda, tweeted several wisecracks about all the highway congestion that delayed her arrival at the ballpark, McCarthy could only smile.

"If everybody isn't apprised of what she's doing every few minutes, God knows what would happen," he said.

Carlos Beltran homered, Kelly Johnson hit a two-run single and the Yankees ended Alfredo Simon's six-game winning streak in the right-hander's first outing since the All-Star game.

Derek Jeter had an RBI single, and New York won the first two in a three-game interleague series, leaving Cincinnati with five straight road losses.

"I think this is kind of a blip in the radar, but we certainly need to turn things around if we want to get that game tomorrow," Reds manager Bryan Price said.

Acquired from Arizona in a July 6 trade, McCarthy (1-0) struck out nine and walked none over six innings in his second start for New York and first at home. He said the Yankees have encouraged him to throw his cutter, a pitch he was instructed to scrap with the Diamondbacks.

"He's got top-of-the-rotation stuff, and we're really glad to have him," catcher Brian McCann said. "He was doing whatever he wanted to on the mound today."

McCarthy threw 71 of 99 pitches for strikes, improving to 3-0 with a 1.78 ERA in his last four outings after winning only once in his initial 16 starts this season.

"Actually, that was the frustrating part about the beginning part of the season is, I felt sharp," McCarthy said. "I felt like everything was where I wanted it to be, I just wasn't doing everything I needed to to get the best out of it. So I felt like I've thrown better this year than any year in the past, it's just the results haven't followed."

The right-hander was 3-10 with a 4.80 ERA for Arizona before New York obtained him to upgrade a rotation depleted by injuries to four starters. His first outing for the Yankees was a no-decision July 9 at Cleveland.

"You realize that you're putting the pinstripes on for the first time, but I try and wash all that away as much as I can and just focus on execution, focus on my routine, what I'm doing. All that stuff I can think about later," McCarthy said.

"I mean, you're pitching for the Yankees, and that's an opportunity no matter what the circumstances are. For me, it's at a point in my career where I want to be challenged. I really want to be in a pennant race. I wanted to be closer to the playoffs. I wanted to be in a market that is difficult. I wanted that kind of stuff to see if I could push myself to the next level, so it's a great opportunity in that sense."



NICK WASS/AP

Brewers starting pitcher Matt Garza, center, is pulled from the game against the Nationals in the first inning on Saturday in Washington.

## BRITISH OPEN

## Scoreboard

## Saturday

At Royal Liverpool Golf Club  
Hoylake, England  
Purse: \$9.24 million  
Yardage: 7,312; Par: 72  
Third Round

Rory McIlroy	66-66-68-200	-16
Rickie Fowler	69-69-68-206	-10
Sergio Garcia	68-70-69-207	-9
Dustin Johnson	71-65-71-207	-9
Victor Dubuisson	74-66-68-208	-8
Eduardo Molinari	68-73-68-209	-7
Matteo Manassero	67-75-68-210	-6
Adam Scott	68-73-69-210	-6
Jim Furyk	68-71-71-210	-6
Robert Karlsson	69-71-70-210	-6
Shari Schwab	71-67-72-210	-6
Darren Clarke	72-72-67-211	-5
Graeme McDowell	74-69-68-211	-5
Justin Rose	72-70-69-211	-5
Marc Leishman	69-72-70-211	-5
Jimmy Walker	69-71-71-211	-5
Marc Warren	71-68-72-211	-5
Ryan Moore	70-68-73-211	-5
Byeong-Hun An	72-71-69-212	-4
Branden Grace	71-72-69-212	-4
Stephen Gallacher	70-72-70-212	-4
David Howell	72-70-70-212	-4
Keegan Bradley	73-71-69-213	-3
Kristoffer Broberg	70-73-70-213	-3
Chris Kirk	71-74-68-213	-3
Shane Lowry	68-75-70-213	-3
Brian Harman	72-73-68-213	-3
George Coetzee	70-69-74-213	-3
Francesco Molinari	68-70-75-213	-3
Jordan Spieth	71-73-67-213	-3
Ben Martin	71-73-70-214	-2
David Hearn	70-73-71-214	-2
Louis Oosthuizen	70-68-76-214	-2
Phil Mickelson	74-70-71-215	-1
Bill Haas	70-72-73-215	-1
Angel Cabrera	76-69-70-215	-1
Kevin Streelman	72-74-69-215	-1
Thongchai Jaidee	72-72-72-216	E
D.A. Points	75-69-72-216	E
Gary Woodland	75-69-72-216	E
Hunter Mahan	71-73-72-216	E
Kevin Stadler	73-72-71-216	E
Hideki Matsuyama	69-74-73-216	E
Kevin Na	76-70-70-216	E
Chris Rodgers	73-71-73-217	+1
Martin Kaymer	73-72-72-217	+1
Matt Jones	71-74-72-217	+1
Thomas Bjorn	70-71-76-217	+1
Brandt Snedeker	74-72-71-217	+1
Zach Johnson	71-75-71-217	+1
Luke Donald	72-73-71-217	+1
John Dufner	70-74-74-218	+2
Gregory Bourdy	75-69-74-218	+2
Matt Kuchar	73-71-74-218	+2
Chris Wood	75-70-73-218	+2
John Senden	74-71-73-218	+2
Henrik Stenson	72-73-73-218	+2
Brooks Koepka	68-77-74-219	+3
Stewart Cink	71-75-73-219	+3
Matt Every	75-71-73-219	+3
Tiger Woods	69-77-73-219	+3
John Senden	71-74-75-220	+4
Brendon Todd	73-74-73-220	+4
Jason Day	73-73-74-220	+4
Koumei Geki	69-77-74-220	+4
Rhein Gibson	72-74-74-220	+4
Billy Hurtley III	73-76-75-221	+5
Ryan Palmer	73-75-75-221	+5
Jamie McLeary	73-75-75-221	+5
Tom Watson	73-73-75-221	+5
Charley Hoffman	74-72-76-222	+6



SCOTT HEPPELL/AP

Five-time British Open champion Tom Watson finished ahead of Tiger Woods at Royal Liverpool on Sunday. Watson finished at 1-over 289.

# Watson shoots final round 68

## Ryder Cup captain finishes five strokes better than team hopeful Woods

By DENNIS PASSA  
The Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Tom Watson's ball rolled on to the 18th green at Royal Liverpool on Sunday and most of the spectators in the horseshoe grandstand gave him a prolonged standing ovation. And even a few shouts of "C'mon, Tom."

The five-time British Open champion, doffing his cap as he walked up the fairway, has a way of doing that to a crowd, especially in Britain.

Watson's putt for eagle just missed, leaving him with a 4-under 68 and a climb up the leaderboard past Tiger Woods, the man Ryder Cup captain Watson will consider as one of his three picks for September's tournament at Gleneagles in Scotland.

The 64-year-old Watson finished at 1-over 289 for the tournament, five strokes better than Woods — who had a 75 Sunday. "The last putt on the last hole," Watson said. "It would have been nice to shoot a 67 and end even par. But I played a really solid round of golf ... a very good day from tee to green."

These days, Watson gets asked most about the Ryder Cup and not his own golf game.

On Sunday, that meant Woods and whether the game's biggest draw card, who is just returning

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Watson's British Open playing partner in the final round

from back surgery, will be in Watson's thoughts in early September — when three players will be added to nine who automatically qualify from points based on prize money earned in tournament play.

Asked if it was worrisome that he shot seven strokes better than a potential captain's pick (Woods), Watson was non-committal: "It's just one day. It's a snapshot. It's not a big deal."

Still, the concern was clear. Watson was speaking to the media as Woods was still on the course when he asked if Woods was shooting under par. Told that he was 4 over at the time, Watson said, "That's not very good."

Woods still has two tournaments left before the end of Ryder Cup qualifying at the PGA Championship. He is No. 72 in the standings, and aside from winning the

final major of the year, his best bet is to be one of Watson's three picks.

Asked if he would be inclined to pick him if he were in Watson's position, Woods said with a smile, "I would say yes."

"But that's my position, my take on it," Woods said. "He's the captain. Obviously, it's his decision. He's going to field the best 12 players that he thinks will win the cup back. And I hope I'm on that team."

Watson missed just one fairway on Sunday — the 11th — and said his strong play gave him plenty of enthusiasm for next week's British Senior Open at Royal Porthcawl in Wales.

"I don't know anything about the golf course, but it's fun to finish with a birdie and finish the way I did, and get ready to go to the next tournament," Watson

said. "You don't feel like you have a burden that you're taking with you."

Watson has always been a crowd favorite in Britain thanks to his five Open wins.

He'll no doubt be particularly popular in Scotland — where he's won four of those links titles at Carnoustie, Turnberry, Muirfield and Ryder (Troon), despite leading the Americans against Europe in the often fiery environment of the Ryder Cup.

He'll make at least one more appearance in the British Open after being invited back to St. Andrews for 2015. His fitness now or there shouldn't be a problem — he reminded everyone after the third round on Saturday that during tournament weeks like this one, he walks at least 36 miles over six rounds of golf.

The guy most impressed with Watson on Sunday was his playing partner, Australian John Senden.

"My golf today was to see if I could catch him, but he just kept on playing great," said Senden, who shot 71.

"It was a thrill to be out there with him. I've played with many of the legends of the game before — Tiger, Phil, Ernie and Greg Norman — but none the stature of what Tom Watson brings to the table."



JON SUPER/AP

**Tiger Woods shot a 75 at Royal Liverpool on Sunday to finish at 6-over 294, his worst 72-hole finish at a major.**



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## Up for grabs

Several big-name players remain available as season approaches | Page 26



## Easy Mac

McIlroy first to lead British Open wire-to-wire since Woods in 2005

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland celebrates a birdie on the 9th green during the final round of the British Open at the Royal Liverpool golf club in Hoylake, England on Sunday.

PETER MORRISON/AP

## Father knows best?

Bloomberg News

LONDON — Rory McIlroy's father won 100,000 pounds (\$170,000) when his son captured the British Open for his third major golf title.

Gerry McIlroy placed a 200-pound bet at 500-1 odds in 2004 on his son, then 15, winning the golf tournament within 10 years, British bookmaker Ladbrokes said Sunday.

Family friends also bet 200 pounds in 2005 on McIlroy winning the British Open within 10 years at 250-1 and placed a 200-pound bet at 150-1 on him winning the Open before the age of 30.



AP Photo

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**Rory McIlroy**  
3-time major champion

By DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

HOYLAK, England  
Rory McIlroy had to work a little harder and sweat a little more. No matter. Just like his other two majors, this British Open was never really in doubt.

With two key birdies around the turn, and a powerful tee shot at just the right moment, McIlroy completed a wire-to-wire victory Sunday at Royal Liverpool and captured the third leg of the career Grand Slam.

The 25-year-old from Northern Ireland joined some elite company beyond the names on the silver claret jug.

Jack Nicklaus (23) and Tiger Woods (24) are the only other players to capture three different majors by the time they were 25. McIlroy won the 2011 U.S. Open at Congressional and the 2012 PGA Championship at Kiawah Island, both by eight shots.

"It feels incredible," McIlroy said before heading out to collect the oldest trophy in golf. "Today wasn't easy. A few guys were making runs at me. I just needed to stay focused and stay in the present and really concentrate on what I was doing out there."

This could have been another romp except for a shaky stretch early for McIlroy, and solid efforts from Garcia and Fowler.

Garcia pulled within two shots with four holes to play until he put his tee shot in a pot bunker just right of the 15th green. His first shot failed to get over the 4-foot sodden wall and rolled back into the sand. He made bogey, and two birdies over the final three holes were not enough. Garcia shot 66 and was runner-up in a major for the fourth time.

Fowler, playing in the final group for the second straight major, never got closer than three shots. He played bogey-free for a 273.

## Final British Open leaderboard

**Rory McIlroy, -17 | Ricky Fowler, -15 | Sergio Garcia, -15**

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